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TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

GREEKS' PLUCKY ATTACK.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 16.

From details received from Aetorochon it appears that the Turks were strongly entrenched, and were supported by 30 guns. Ascending the steep slopes in face of a fierce fire, 200 Greeks fell in a few minutes, but the attacking force pressed on undaunted. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting in the trenches followed. The Turks finally retiring. The Greeks captured seven heavy guns.

A message from Athens states that the Greeks on Saturday occupied Paramythia, to the south-east of Janina, after a desperate battle which lasted throughout the day.

AMERICAN RAILWAY ROBBERS.

Train Stopped By Burning A Trestle Bridge.

Three youthful robbers have held up a south-bound Missouri, Kansas, and Texas train south of Eufaula. They compelled the engineer to detach the express and baggage cars and run them ahead, and then riddled the express safe. Company officials believe the robbers got several thousand dollars. The "New York Evening Post" thus describes how it was done:

As the train drew to a halt near the burning bridge, the bandits had no trouble in flagging the train to a halt. Although the flames threatened to destroy the trestle, before their work was accomplished the robbers moved deliberately. Covering the engineer and fireman with their revolvers they ordered them from the locomotive cab. P. A. Dolan, the train's conductor, leaped from a coach, and he was lined up beside the engine. A porter also fell a victim to his curiosity, and was made to stand beside the conductor.

While one robber held the line of employees the other two uncoupled the engine, baggage, and express cars from the coaches. They then forced the trainmen into the cab and ordered the engineer to open the throttle. The locomotive, pulling the two cars, shot across the burning bridge. What remained of the structure fell into the water a minute after the cars had passed. The passenger coaches were left standing at the brink of the stream.

Half a mile on the other side of the bridge the bandits ordered the engineer to stop. The safe in the express car was dynamited and ransacked. Their work completed, the robbers fled to the wood covered hills with their plunder. The alarm was soon given, and posse were sent from Crowder and Eufaula. Other posse left an hour later on special trains from McAlester and Muskogee.

According to the descriptions given, each of the bandits was less than 25 years old. Eye-witnesses say they saw one of the robbers make two trips from the express safe, each time with his arms piled high with sealed packages of currency. Posse men found the outer wrapper of one of these packages which had contained \$3,500, and was consigned by the South-western National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City to the National Bank of Greenville, Tex.

One of the robbers made Conductor J. A. Dolan turn over his papers and purse, which contained \$10. Later the money was turned back to the conductor with the assurance, "We don't wish harm to any of you train boys."

TELEGRAMS.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

TURKEY'S NEW ATTITUDE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 16.

The Porte has telegraphed to the delegates in London cancelling their instructions not to meet the Greeks.

The meetings of the Ambassadors are expected to begin tomorrow.

SIX POWER LOAN.

A Definite Agreement Impending.

Peking, Dec. 9.—In spite of the oyster-like demure of the Sextuple Group during the last three weeks, it transpires, writes a "N. China Daily News" correspondent, that the general outlines of an agreement upon terms of a loan of \$25,000,000, have been reached with the Finance Minister, and have been submitted to the Legations concerned.

It is understood that objection is likely to be raised by some Ministers on certain points, which will necessitate further negotiation with the Chinese. When an agreement is finally attained, the terms will be telegraphed to London, for consideration by the bankers conference, at a meeting to be held in London on Friday. Although the conditions of the proposed loan have not been disclosed, it is obvious that large advances are required immediately by the Chinese Government and that the principals in the group are confronted with the difficulty of financing China out of their own resources, at a time when the political outlook in Europe is deeply overcast.

Loan May be Deferred.

Even though the greater danger of an important war may disappear, there remains the certainty that the Balkan States, Turkey and Italy must be heavy borrowers in the near future. The flotation of a large loan for China in these circumstances may have to be deferred for an indefinite period, and the consortium cannot fancy the prospect of putting out so much ready cash pending the time when the money markets will be favourable to the issue of China bonds.

While it is satisfactory to record that agreement as to principles has been reached with China, the Sextuple Group must have observed a number of obstacles yet to be overcome before the required financial assistance is actually obtained.

The Crisp Loan.

As regards Article XIV, Mr. Birch Crisp's agent here, Major Burnes, has full power to conclude an arrangement with the Chinese and has been negotiating for some time with a view to obtaining monetary compensation in exchange for the cancellation of the second portion of the Crisp loan agreement. The amount of the compensation, however, gives rise to differences of opinion. Besides which, the Chinese are not, presumably, desirous of foregoing the leverage which they suppose Article XIV, given them in dealing with the Sextuple Group until complete agreement as regards conditions has been attained.

Hankow Merchants and Opium.

The Opium Suppression Bureau has come to an agreement with the opium merchants Hankow. The merchants have promised not to import any more of the drug when their present stocks are exhausted. Officials are now taking stock of the quantities at present held.—"Central China Post."

TELEGRAMS.

THE CHINESE LOAN.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 16.

The "Standard" says that the Six-Power Group again met on Saturday, and unanimously decided that, subject to a modification in the details, the proposals afforded a suitable basis for negotiations.

THE LAW OF PUBLIC COMPANIES.

The question of amending the law relating to public companies has been discussed at a meeting of the directors of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce in connection with a remit to consider and inquire into the subject. Mr. J. D. Hedderwick said it was of the greatest importance to the community that the law should be so amended as to enable a public prosecutor or a member of the community with little expense to himself to bring about a close examination of the affairs of companies that came to an untimely end, in order that where there had been misdirection or wrongful dealing the parties involved should be brought to book. Mr. John A. Spens said that on the particular point Mr. Hedderwick had raised he believed it would not be difficult to suggest a remedy, but the remit was too wide. It was decided that before dealing with the subject further the directors should receive some indication of the specific points which it was intended they should report upon.

ONE OF A CORONER'S SADDEST CASES.

Mr. J. Parker, the Lancashire country coroner, held an inquest in the Preston Infirmary on a child whose case, he said, was one of the saddest cases he had ever had to deal with. The child, Catherine Barwise, twelve years, of 14, Golborne Street, died in that institution from the effect of burns. It was stated that she overstepped herself, and her father, who is totally blind, said, "Never mind, Kate. You have a good breakfast, but she cleaned her clogs, fed the dog, left her breakfast, and ran all the way to the school. She afterwards complained of illness, but made no complaint of her parents. She was advised by a neighbour to tell her mother, but she said, 'She has enough trouble already.' At dinner-time her father asked her to stay at home, but she said, 'No. I am nearly thirteen. I don't want to miss my mark, and I want to go and work for my mother.' The following morning the child had a fit of dizziness and fell on the kitchen fire, and her clothes were set on fire. Her blind father attempted to put the flames out with his overcoat, but he was unsuccessful, and before he could summon a neighbour the girl was badly burnt. The father had been prostrated since the accident, and was unfit to attend the inquest. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and passed a vote of sympathy with the parents.

Chinese Divorce in New York.

The first divorce suit in New York country in which both parties were full Chinese, was tried on October 10, says the "Manila Times," before Supreme Court Justice Hendrick, who announced that he would grant a decree to Mrs. Lily James Lee in her action against Lee Hoo Soon, who keeps a restaurant.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

The Conference of Ambassadors is expected to meet in London to-day.

After a desperate battle, the Greeks occupied Paramythia, south-west of Janina, on Saturday.

The Six Power Group has approved the proposals advanced for a Chinese loan as being a suitable basis for negotiation.

The Porte has cancelled the instructions not to meet the Greek delegates in the Peace Conference.

After courageously facing a fierce fire from the Turks at Aetorochon, the Greeks drove the enemy from the trenches by fierce hand to hand fighting.

LOCAL.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon. The business was light.

The police report that some parts of the Colony are still in a very disturbed state. Missile throwing has been renewed.

Some French gentlemen are staying in Hongkong with a view to purchasing a passenger boat for coastal work in Indo-China.

The orders for the day for Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council, printed elsewhere, include the new Bill to deal with boycotts.

The trial of Ibrahim for the Shamien murder was concluded yesterday. Sentence of death was passed, but will stay until His Majesty's pleasure is known.

This morning in the Summary Court a claim was made by the Victoria Boarding House to recover \$36.25 from George Wilson of U. S. S. Wilmington.

Argument was continued this afternoon in the case in which an injunction is being sought in a dispute over a partnership between two building contractors.

REPORTED OIL DEAL.

The "San Francisco Chronicle," according to Reuter's correspondent, announces that the Shell interests of London, headed by Sir Marcus Samuel, have completed a deal for the taking over of the Union Oil Company and the outputs of the General Petroleum Company, and independent producers. The deal involves \$1,000,000.

The Company of which Sir Marcus Samuel is chairman is the Shell Transport and Trading, which has a subscribed capital of \$4,250,000. It was formed in 1897, and since January 1, 1907, it has had amalgamated with it the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company. For 1909, and again for 1910, it paid a dividend of 22 1/2 per cent, but since then its profits have been reduced by a severe rate-cutting competition into which it entered with the American Standard Oil Trust. It is suggested that the present deal may be an outcome of the anti-trust proceedings which have been taken against the Standard Oil.

A managing director of the Shell Company, on being asked if the report from San Francisco was true, said he had no remark to make.

THE BOOK WORLD.

More Stevensonian.

All Stevensonians will be grateful that a change of residence, with its attendant honors of searching through old papers, has caused Sir Sidney Colvin to discover some hitherto unpublished letters and fragments of "Ref. S." These are published in the current "Scribner's." It is very difficult to deal with this new gleam in the space of a few paragraphs; it is hard to resist the desire to quote and quote until one has given the whole.

The first item in order of publication, says the "Globe," is a little prose poem, "A Summer Night," one of a series inspired by the study of Baudelaire. No fragment of Stevenson's but reveals the artist in happy phrases, the mellancholly successful seeker after the most just, and this sketchy, suggestive, with pregnant sentences, suggestive alike to the eye and to the mind. Two may be given here: "A bright wind sea, and we sleep on the vacant street; the leaves go shifting along the pavement with a loopy, uneasy noise; 'And duties awake with the birds, the last remnant of a wonderful phrase in 'Woe of Herminion.'"

Sir Sidney prints for the first time, two letters to Sir Walter Simpson, the "Cigarette" of the "Inland Voyage." In the first of the R.L.S. incidentally expresses his wonder what his correspondent does without regular habits of work. "I am capable of only two theories of existence; the industrious worker's, the slothful; all between seems blank to me." Here comes, "My father is a gloomy state, and has the yellow flag at the peak, or the fore, or wherever it should be; and he has just emptied some melancholy vision on me; I am also, by way of change, spitting blood. This somewhat clouds the termination of my note."

In the letter to Colvin, there is the following reference to "Kidnapped": "I have been saving my hand as much as possible for Davy Balfour; only this morning I was getting on first rate with him, when about half past nine there came a prick in the middle of the ball of my thumb, and I had to take to the left hand and two words a minute. I fear I slightly exaggerated the speed of my left hand, about a word and a half in the minute—which is dispiriting to the last degree." The same letter expresses contains an account of his figuring as "the local celebrity" dogged about the deck by a diminutive Hebrew with a kodak, the eliot of which kept time to my progress like a pair of castanets, and filled up in the captain's room on ice champagne at 8.30 of God's morning. The captain in question is a great character, like the side of a house and the green-room of a music hall, but with all the saving qualities of the seaman. But this letter should be read in full; it is an epistolary gem of the purest ray.

The concluding portion of this trouble is an exceedingly interesting series of annotations to the plays of the Elder Dumas (in regard to "Antony" he writes: "Antony is psychologically false, but dramatically he is a devil of a lively fellow." Of the "Tour de Nesle" his opinion is "Well, you know, that is how to do it. I defy the world to lick that melodrama." His enthusiasm for "Paul Jones" is considerably less, and he is moved to the following somewhat Elizabethan criticism: "Poor John Paul, to have come to this; for where will you find me in all literature such a 'dreary bitch?' Nor was 'Mademoiselle de Belle-Isle' one of his favorites." "This play is a kind of confidence trick." After three attempts to read through it, he confesses he could never get to the end of "La Reine Margot"—"some special distaste chokes me off"—while "Une Fille du Regent" is characterized as "Patent A.D. and Co. none others genuine."

Dumas "Intrigue et Amour," an adaptation of "Kahal und Liebe," evidently pleased Stevenson greatly. "By the Lord Mr. Schiller, you are the man; as I have never read the original, I can do no more than cry: Bravo! that is the way to make a play after all. No wandering: straight to the mark like a bullet, and yet ripe with excellent detail."

But we must make an end, after just one more quotation, his criticism of "La Tour St. Jacques": "It smells and tastes of sawdust; it is worn to the thread. I have read two acts, and I should dearly enjoy seeing it very badly acted by a local comedy company." That last sentence gives one more idea of the piece than a column of ordinary dramatic criticism.

A DARING ESCAPE.

On the 11th inst. four prisoners confined in Sinoa Police Station made a daring dash for liberty. All four were successful in getting out of bounds, but before many minutes had passed two were recaptured. The other two are still at large, says the "N. China Daily News."

Thout break occurred at about a quarter to five o'clock, when the customary inspection of the calls was being made. These calls open upon the station compound, some twenty or thirty yards from the gate, and they are provided with a heavy iron grating in which is set the door. At the time mentioned, the morning inspection of the calls was being made by a foreign policeman, P. C. Shapland, accompanied by a Chinese constable, when the former was assaulted, rendered hors-de-combat for the moment, giving the prisoners a chance to escape. When he had entered the cell one of the men struck him a violent blow in the pit of the stomach with a bed plank, and then the four bolted through the door and out at the gate. They set off hot foot along the street, but immediately the hue and cry was raised, and the blowing of whistles warned all the constables patrolling the district. By this means two of the four were quickly run to earth.

Two of the men were being detained in the station under remand from the Mixed Court, while the two others had been sentenced, and were awaiting transportation to the Municipal Gaol.

THE COCAINE CASE.

The case in which a Chinese is charged with being in unlawful possession of 1,000 ounces of cocaine, and is defended by Mr. Marcus Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, and prosecuted by Mr. P. M. Hodgson, the Assistant Crown Solicitor was again brought before Mr. Hazell, at the Police Court this afternoon.

Defendant said his family house was at Lower Lascar Row. By Mr. Hodgson: If he was wanted on business he could be found there and nowhere else. He was not in partnership with anyone in his broker's business. He did not do a big business. On a transaction like this of removing twenty bales of paper he would be paid \$3.

The man for whom he was working as a broker lived at 40, Des Voeux Road Central, but owing to the landlord asking for the house he then left and lived at the Tai On boarding house, and later went back to Canton. This was after handing him the documents of delivery from Holt's godowns, and after defendant had been arrested. His friend gave him the delivery papers or bill of lading on the 15th ult. at noon. He had not been making enquiries concerning the contents of the bill previous to the 15th. He knew nothing about what was to be removed until he got the papers from his friend. The case had not concluded when we went to press.

THE FOUNDER OF "THE TIMES."

The First John Walter.

"On Monday at Teddington, in the 74th year of his age, John Walter, Esq." This bald and formal announcement, hidden away among other notices of deaths in a corner of the "Times" of November 18, 1812, was the only mention made by this journal of its founder at the time of his death. No tribute of appreciation or commemoration was paid to him, such as was duly paid to his several successors in the position of chief proprietor of The Times. The omission may perhaps be accounted for partly by the inviolate secrecy in which was the fixed policy of his second son, and successor, to enshroud all the private concerns of the newspaper which he made the first in the world, partly by the fact that the modern "obituary notice" was a very rare phenomenon in the newspaper of those bygone days. But we cannot allow the hundredth anniversary of the death of the founder of The "Times" to pass without making some attempt to supply the omission. John Walter was no ordinary man. His career was a veritable romance. Successively merchant, underwriter, bankrupt, printer, publisher, and bookseller, and withal a bold and persistent, albeit unsuccessful, innovator in the art of printing, he finally became the founder, in circumstances the most adverse and discouraging, of a journal which even at the time of his death was without a rival. He lived from first to last a life of strenuous enterprise and unceasing adventure. He founded "The Times" at the age of 46, when with a wife and six children to support, he had already made a fortune and lost it, in circumstances entirely honourable to himself.

"The Times" was founded on January 1, 1785, almost by accident. For Walter had never been either printer, publisher, or journalist. It was only after his bankruptcy, and after vainly seeking an official situation under Government, that he found a vent for his irrepressible energies in the development and strenuous advocacy of what he regarded as an invaluable improvement in the art of printing, which he had purchased from one Henry Johnson, its original inventor. The Times for ten years provided him with abundant opportunities for fighting and enduring on its behalf. At the end of that time he gave up its management to his eldest son—to be succeeded in a few years, by his more celebrated and more successful younger brother—and finally retired to the house at Teddington in which he died, "intending," as he records himself, "to enjoy the few years I have to live in otium cum dignitate." He had well earned the ease for which he craved.

As early as 1786, only a year after The Times was founded, Walter was convicted at the Guildhall for a libel, at the suit of Lord Loughborough, and ordered to pay damages of \$150. Walter was just the man to get into conflict with the law of those days by nothing worse than an outspoken independence. In 1789 The "Times" appears to have said that the rejoicing of the Dukes of York, Clarence, and Cumberland at the King's recovery was insincere. For this Walter was prosecuted for a libel by the Duke of York, and he was this time condemned to pay a fine of 250 to undergo a year's imprisonment in Newgate, to stand in the pillory for an hour, and to give recognizances for good behaviour for seven years. During his imprisonment he was again convicted of a libel, not merely on two of the same Royal Dukes, but on the Prince of Wales as well.

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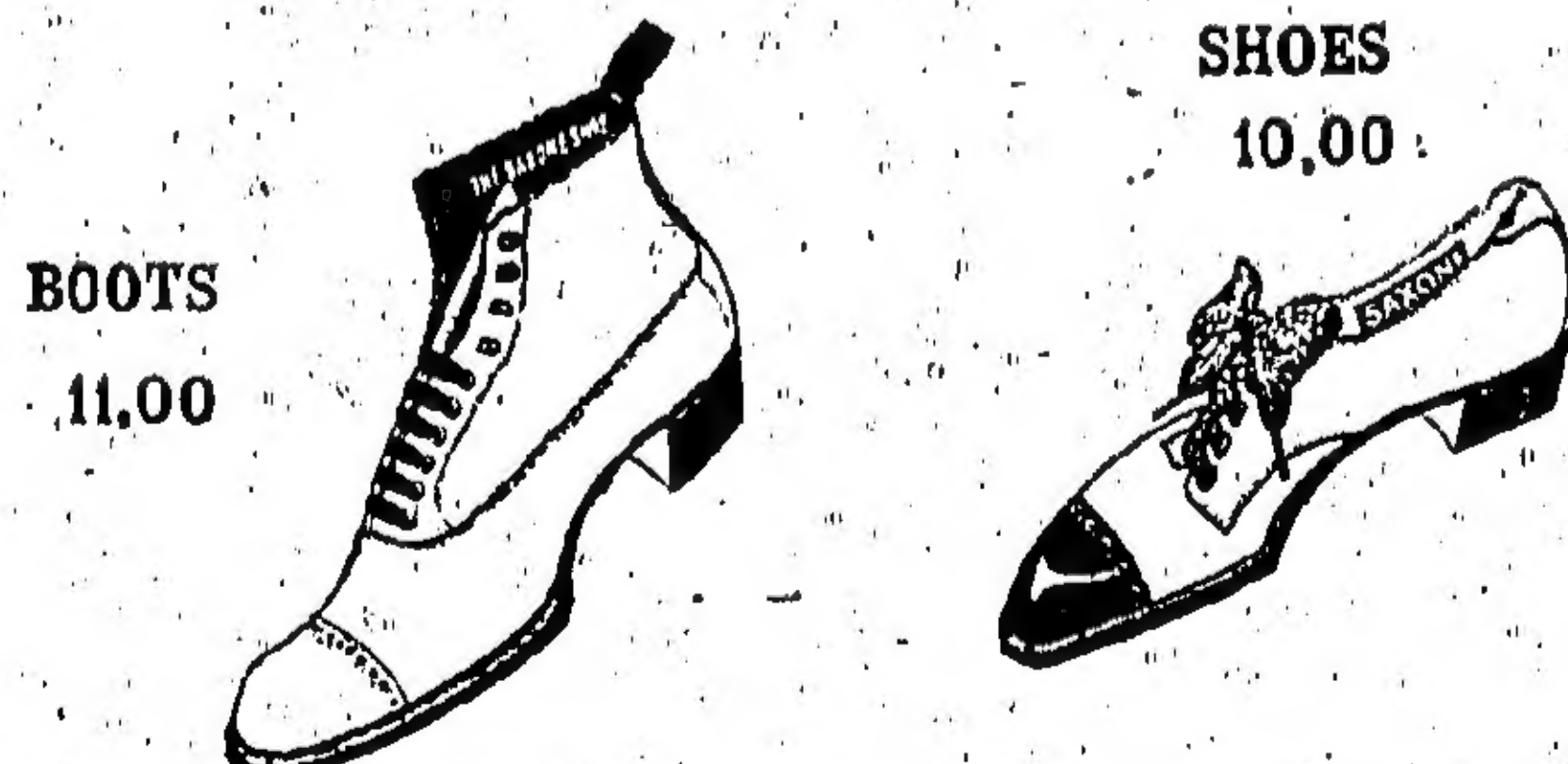
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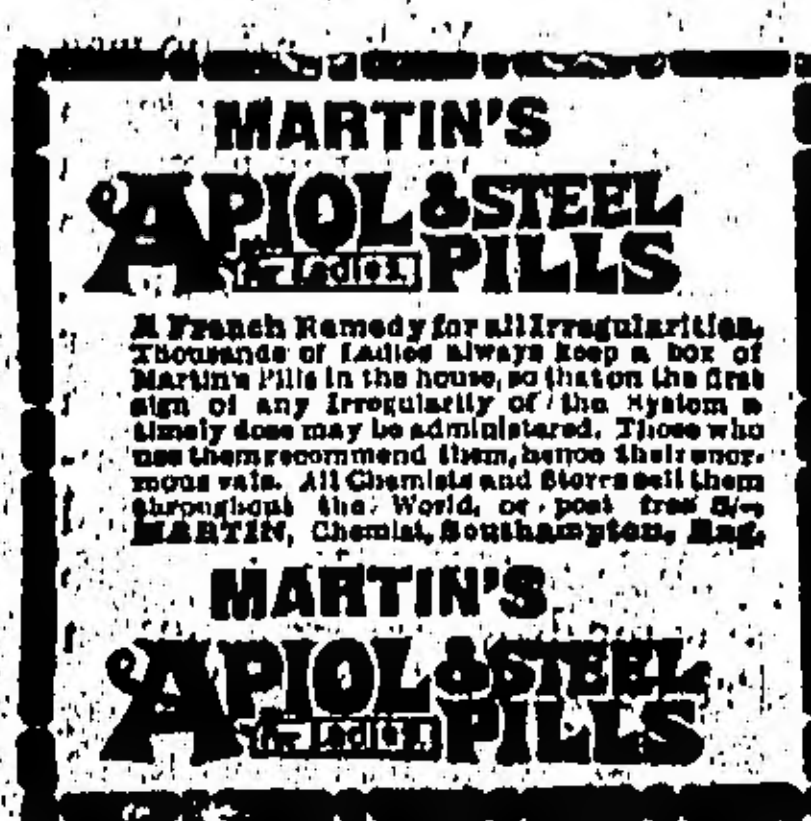
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South China Morning Post

Female Suffrage.

Both sides appear to have got
themselves into a sort of vicious
circle. The authorities probably
feel that to grant the demands of
the suffragettes now would be to
display weakness and to furnish
a dangerous precedent for the
future employment of lawless
methods, while the women appar-
ently are in no mood to dis-
continue their campaign without
some satisfactory assurance that
these demands will be granted.
It is a pity that some sort of com-
promise cannot be arranged be-
tween the two sides, the author-
ities furnishing a tacit pledge to
legislate in the direction desired
after the stoppage of suffragette
outrages for a specified term;
most emphatically persons who
are prepared to suffer so much
for the vote cannot regard it
lightly and would probably make
use of it more conscientiously
than many a lordly male.

China Mail.

The Tramway Boycott.

In the circumstances it is no
easy matter to get at the root of
the mischief, but we believe that
if the operations of certain Chinese
guilds could be better understood,
some light might be thrown upon
the subject. The Government,
we are glad to see, are taking
active steps to overcome the
trouble, and we heartily con-
gratulate them upon the Ordinance
they propose to enact. In
the opinion of some, certain of
the provisions may seem unduly
rigorous. The circumstances, we
believe, entirely justify them.
All along, the Government were
determined to stand by the Tram-
way Company, and now that the
time is ripe for action on their
part it is pleasing to note that the
assistance to be rendered is to be
given in no half-hearted manner.

Daily Press.

The Tramway Boycott.

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of the same denomination. These
are facts which cannot be con-
troverted: they are within the
experience of every business man
who trades in these regions, and
it will thus be seen that the pre-
sent attempt of the Chinese to
prevent the same conditions
obtaining in the British Colony,
for whose use these coins
were manufactured, is an amazing
exhibition of impertinence. In
any circumstances—and especial-
ly in the circumstances we have
outlined—it cannot appear at all
unreasonable that a British firm,
or any other firm doing business
in this Colony, should demand to
be paid in the legal currency of
the Colony. The facts we have
quoted show the hollowness of
the Chinese protest, and afford
ample justification for the drastic
action the Colonial Government
propose to take against the expres-
sion of that protest by a boycott.

Dr. Sun at Hangchow.

The Hangchow correspondent
of the "N. China Daily News"
writes on December 9:—Dr. Sun
Yat-sen arrived here yesterday
and received a grand ovation.
The platform was lined with
officials and representatives of the
various societies here, of which
there are now many from the
Kobumtong to the Red Cross.
The crowd outside the station
was immense, at least 10,000,
and the streets were lined with sol-
diers, many of whom were mounted.
The expression of popular
applause was everywhere in
evidence and flags, banners, and
triumphal arches diversified the
route. Dr. Sun, the Tzu-hsi and
others are at present enjoying
themselves on the lake. This
afternoon Dr. Sun addresses a big
meeting at the old Emperors'
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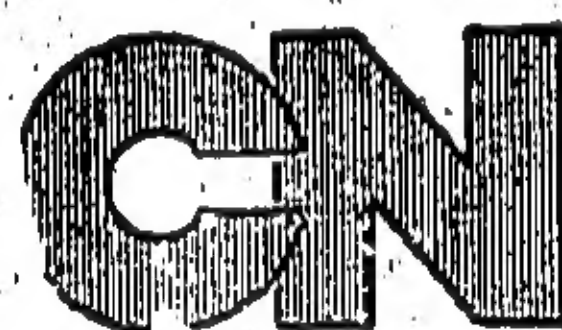
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GENERAL NEWS.

Japanese Fishermen in Canada.

As the result of a conference between Mr. Bowser, the Attorney-General of British Columbia, and Mr. Hazen, the Minister of Marine, it has been decided to introduce new fishing regulations to give preference to white fishermen over Japanese, who hitherto have largely controlled the fishing industry. On March 15 each year there will be reserved as many licences as there is reason to anticipate will be applied for by white fishermen owning their own boats. Formerly all licences were assigned to the big canning firms, which farmed them out to Japanese.

A New Comet.

The third cometary discovery of the year has been made, states the "Evening Standard," by M. Borrelly, of the Marseilles Observatory, who already has several cometary discoveries to his credit. The new body is of the tenth magnitude, and therefore within reach of telescopes of moderate size; its position at 7.30 p.m. on November 2 was Right Ascension 17h. 47m., North Declination 38deg. 57min., the motion being to the south-east. Its position is very favourable for observation in England, as it is quite high in the north-west at sunset, and can be observed for the greater part of the night.

Mr. Gokhale's Visit to S. Africa.

Mr. G. Khule left Johannesburg recently for Delagoa Bay on his way back to India. Although there has been no settlement of the differences regarding the status of Indians within the Union, the visit has been an unqualified success. Extremists apart, the European and Indian communities are now more inclined to approach the dispute as a conflict of two ideas of right rather than in the spirit of the unyielding assertion that all the right is on one side and all the wrong on the other. Thus the frame of mind necessary for the consideration of a *modus vivendi* has been cultivated. Mr. Gokhale, speaking at Pretoria, said that he was both gratified and surprised at his reception; not only by Ministers, but by his European audiences.

The German Government and Standard Oil.

The text of the new Bill "concerning the trade in illuminating oil" has been published. The proposed new trading company under Government control is to have a charter for 30 years and is expected to issue in the first instance shares to the amount of \$3,000,000, of which one-fifth will carry fivefold voting powers and will be allotted to German companies, which will not be able to transfer the shares without Government consent. The date upon which the Bill comes into force will not be fixed in the law, so that the Government may not have its hands tied, especially in dealing with the existing wholesale trade. It is intended that the scheme shall take effect next year, but some parts of the law may be put into force before others.

Civilisation in a Hurry.

A very striking example of the evil effects that may result from the contact of Europeans with less civilised races, even when the latter are honestly desirous of improving the status of the natives, is provided by the case of Fiji. Since 1875, says the "Globe" when it became a British Colony, the population has decreased at an alarming rate. Apart from the disastrous effects of epidemics unknown before the advent of the white man, such as the scourge of dysentery, the decrease is mainly due to the great excess of the death rate over the very high average birth-rate. Half the mortality is of children less than ten years old, and one very important factor has certainly been the introduction of monogamy. Under the polygamist system, the mothers were freed from all other work save rearing their offspring for a period of four years after the birth of a child, which ensured that the majority attained to maturity. Now the monogamic mother is unable, through economic conditions, to devote herself to the proper care of her children, and the greatly increased death rate is the result. The case of Fiji shows clearly the value of the British policy in India to interfere as little as possible with native customs.

LOCAL SPORT.

Cricket Results.

The following cricket results were held over yesterday on account of pressure of advertisements on our space:

Kowloon v. Hongkong Club "A."

This League match was played at Kowloon on Saturday. Scores:

Kowloon.	
Lt. Eng Smith, c Wace, b White	4
W. E. Dixon, run out	3
E. Sutton, c Crews, b Anderson	17
J. P. Robinson, c Lloyd, b Stark	23
K. R. Macaskill, c Elborough b Anderson	10
J. H. Mead, not out	17
H. S. Rouse, c Donnelly b Anderson	2
W. T. Elson st. Pearce, b White	4
Capt. Wood, b Anderson	4
W. L. Wesser, c Lloyd, b Anderson	9
E. H. Scott, run out	2
Extras	10
Total	105

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Lt. White	12 3 26 2
D. E. Donnelly	6 2 11 0
J. S. Lloyd	3 0 6 0
R. M. Anderson	8 1 40 5
C. C. Stark	4 0 14 1
Hongkong Club "A."	
T. E. Pearce, c Capt. Wood, b Macaskill	0
A. O. E. Elborough, c Robinson b Macaskill	7
J. S. Lloyd, c Capt. Wood b Macaskill	16
G. de Hogton, c Dixon, b Wesser	16
A. H. Crow, b Dixon	16
R. M. Anderson, c and b Macaskill	9
E. Wace, c Sutton, b Macaskill	9
C. H. Buckingham, c Wesser, b Macaskill	2
C. C. Stark, b Macaskill	0
D. E. Donnelly, not out	5
A. G. White, b Wesser	0
Extras	5
Total	85

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
K. R. Macaskill	13 3 23 7
E. H. Scott	6 1 20 0
W. L. Wesser	3 3 0 21 2
W. E. Dixon	3 0 17 1
Craigengower v. Kowloon "B."	
Played at Happy Valley on Saturday. Scores:	
Kowloon.	
J. P. Douglas, b Johnstone	1
P. W. Wilkie, c E. L. Bragg, b J. Bragg	18
L. F. Townsend retired	20
A. R. Raven, b Bragg	10
W. Curwen, b Bragg	6
D. J. Mackenzie, c Rose, b Bragg	13
G. Wolf, b Pestonji	0
H. E. Goldsmith, c Setna, b Bragg	7
Major Hunter not out	32
N. Croucher, b Johnstone	1
E. J. Edwards, c Rose, b Bragg	2
Extras	15
Total	131

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Bragg	15 1 83 0
Johnstone	11 2 18 2
Pestonji	7 3 13 1
Mackenzie	7 1 25 0
Craigengower.	
E. L. Bragg, not out	44
W. H. L. Warren, c and b Curwen	0
R. Pestonji, b W. Goldsmith	2
R. A. Carvalho run out	4
J. D. Noria, c Hunter, b Goldsmith	15
G. A. Hancock, b Wolf	9
J. V. Bragg, b Goldsmith	0
L. A. Rose, c Douglas, b Goldsmith	10
C. Johnstone not out	8
Extras	8
Total	100

Kharas and W.S. Setna did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
W. Curwen	55 0 32 1
Goldsmith	10 1 38 4
Wolf	3 0 17 1
Mackenzie	1 0 5 0

GOLF.

A handicap Golf Match was played at the week-end between the U.S.R.C. and the Kowloon C.C. (Golf Section) and resulted in a draw.

Resignation of Southampton Dockmaster.

Captain George Henry Lewis, who has been associated with the L. and S.W.R. Company for the past 47 years, has tendered his resignation as dockmaster at Southampton.

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A MIRACLE OF SCIENCE.

Phthisis is the malady of our time. Many and various are the causes which combine to multiply it; causes which it is needless to recapitulate here. Hitherto phthisis has had the name of "the sickness which does not forgive."

Now we have learned with great joy that the celebrated professor, Giuseppe Bandiera of Palermo (Italy), a scientist who has grown old in the science which he exercised, after long and profound studies has discovered a singularly efficacious remedy against the microbes of phthisis, and in consequence of the successes obtained, and of the importance of his discovery, he proposes to submit his specific to the examination of a Government Commission, in the hope that they may experiment with the new remedy in the civil and military hospitals; and further, to make it known by means of conferences to be held in the principal towns of Italy.

Doctor Bandiera lives at Palermo (89/91 Rue Cavour) and he already has numerous testimonials, from doctors, as well as from patients who have been miraculously cured. "Il Secolo" was the first among the newspapers to publish the glad news to suffering humanity. We read in this journal:—"The remedy offered for the curing of Phthisis is, as far as one can see, an anti-septic. Dr. Bandiera maintains that his remedy banishes the symptoms of Phthisis within a period of two or three months by destroying Koch's bacillus, and that the patient finds himself cured within the definite term of a hundred and twenty days. Dr. Bandiera offers his medicine to all who have need of it. He refrains from publishing any analysis of his discovery until the Health Commission of the provinces has met. To conclude, we now congratulate the illustrious and Venerable Physician, and we recommend all sufferers to have recourse to him at once. There is no time to lose; the very first cough is often the beginning of the torment." Applications should be sent in either French or German.

FIRST AVIATOR

KILLED IN WAR.

Brought Down by Shrapnel, Fired by Turks.

London, October 31.—The first air victim of the war, the Russian aviator Popoff, was instructor of aviation in the Russian army. He, with several others, left Russia a few days ago to offer his services to the Bulgarian army. While flying with his machines over Adrianople, he was brought down by Turkish shrapnel shells. Dispatches say he was killed.

Paris, October 31.—Aviators were greatly excited to-day by news of the death of the Russian, Popoff, shot yesterday, while making an aerial reconnaissance for the Bulgarians over Adrianople. Not only was Popoff the first aviator killed in actual warfare, but it has now been demonstrated, it was pointed out, that a flying machine is not as safe from shots from below as had been imagined. The theory hitherto has been that an aviator, flying high and swiftly, practically could not be hit.

Another theory which has been upset was that massed firing by a large number of riflemen would be effective, if anything could be, against a hostile flying machine. The Turks tried this, it was reported, against Popoff, failed to hit him, and then brought him down with shrapnel.

The Rumoured Nanking Plot.

The latest news from Nanking is that the rumoured plot, in which one of the officers of the "Dare-to-Die" was said to be implicated, is a fabrication. An officer of this regiment, who had formerly been a constable in the French police, arrived in Shanghai a couple of days ago, and when questioned upon the subject, gave a denial. It is, however, stated that some sort of trouble did occur, and this doubtless gave rise to the rumours of the plot against Governor of Soochow.

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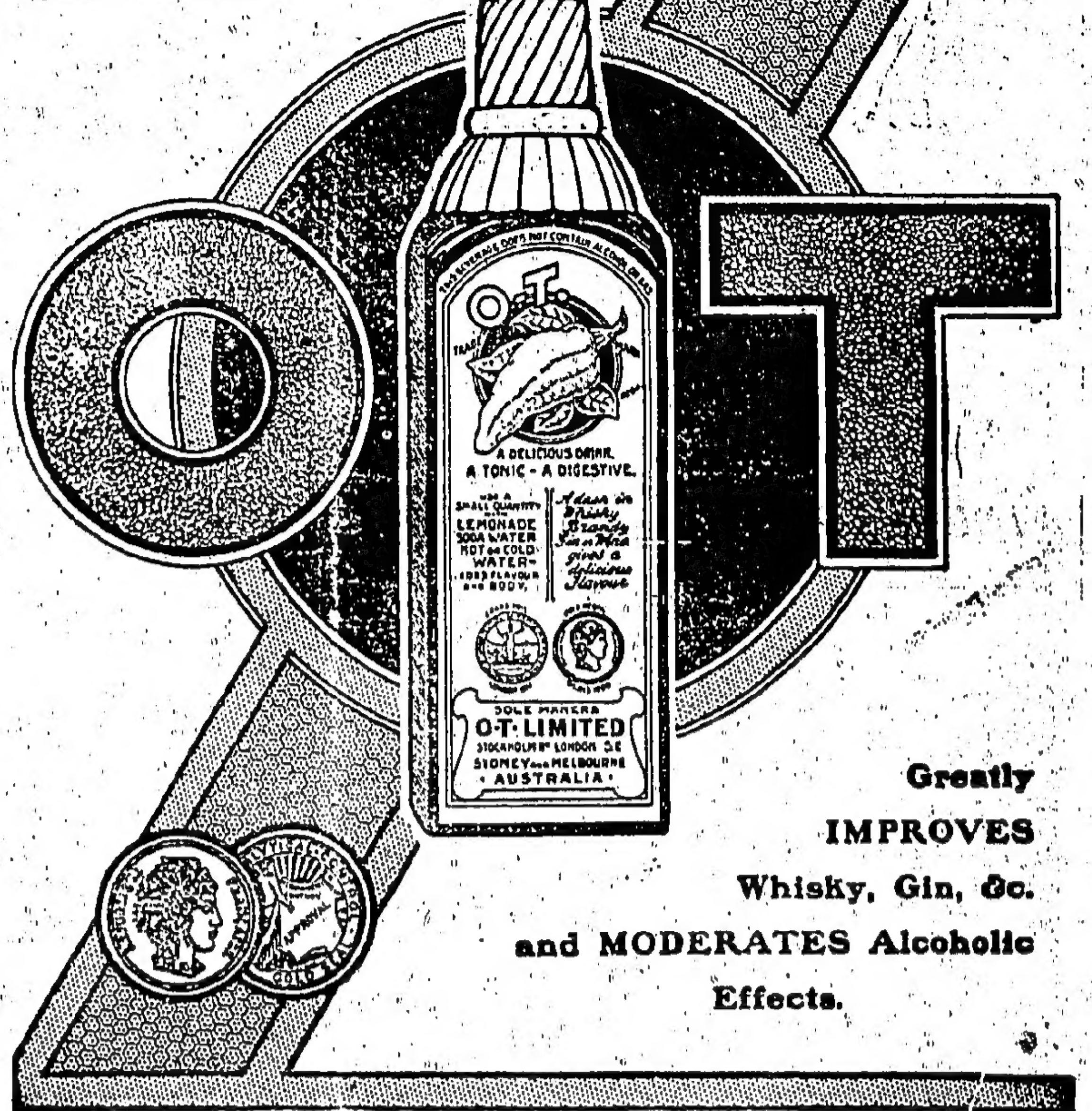
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DEATH.

FITTOCK.—At Kowloon Docks, on the 17th inst., Mr. Charles Fittock, Superintendent of the Shipwrights Department, aged 39 years. The funeral passes the Monument to-morrow at 5 o'clock.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1912.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

In view of the shortage of water with which the Colony was some short time ago threatened, the returns issued by the Water Authority giving the state of the supply on December 1, are of more than ordinary interest. Though the spectre of a water famine has, even now, not been absolutely laid low, we think an analysis of the figures will show that the grim possibility is only a possibility; certainly it is not a probability. That, of course, is unless Nature plays tricks with normal calculations.

It will be recalled that in his statement on the situation made in the Legislative Council on October 31 last, His Excellency the Governor, in announcing the plans for conserving the supply, stated that on the 21st of that month the reservoirs contained 542 million gallons, and their contents had been depleted during the preceding week to the extent of 20.1-2 million gallons. From the figures just published we note that the quantity had, by December 1, been reduced to 326 million gallons. Assuming there had been no rain during the interim, and that there had been no other source of augmentation, this would mean that the weekly consumption in that period had been rather over 20 million gallons. We know, in fact, however, that there was a welcome, though slight, fall of rain last month, and, moreover, that the streams must have yielded about a million gallons a day. In order to make the supply last out until the time when the rains generally commence—about the middle of May—His Excellency stated, at the meeting referred to, that the rate of consumption should be reduced to 15 million gallons per week. It will be seen, therefore, that the depletion has still been tolerably high, though here it has to be remembered that for the last ten days of October constant supply was available everywhere and that the work of cutting off the services to houses in the Rider Main Districts was only gradually carried out during November as the erection of the alternative street fountains progressed. In these circumstances, therefore, it is not easy to make calculations which will be of very precise value. While on this point of consumption, though, it is worth while noting that the consumption per head per day during November was 14.3 gallons, this figure comparing with the ideal advanced by His Excellency of 12 gallons per head per day. This is, at any rate, a difference in the right direction, and now that the whole of the 400 odd public fountains have been erected and the house supplies entirely cut off, it may be safely assumed that the daily consumption is yet further reduced.

When the returns for the next month are issued it will be easier to see how the supply is likely to work out. On December 1, as we have pointed out, the water stored in the reservoirs was 326 million gallons, and even if there be no rain for some time, there is still the customary degree of augmentation from the streams. But with this even, a rate of consumption amounting to 20 million gallons a week would be too high to make us feel really comfortable. If, however, the new system proves able to bring the figure anywhere at all near the suggested 15 millions, Hongkong should be able to tide over the dry season all right.

Studying the Rat-Flies.

On not a few occasions, within the past few months, mention has been made of plague and rats and rat fleas. Our readers will therefore be interested to learn that the rat flea is now being carefully studied. He has a laboratory and half a dozen scientific workers all to himself. Dr. William Nicoll, of the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine, in London, is making careful studies in the longevity of fleas taken from the rats caged at the Institute. The fleas are caged in lots of seven, in clean, dry casks, containing a little sand at the bottom, and having the necks loosely "stoppered" with wool. The different fleas are subjected to different temperatures, and considerable variations in their contents of moisture are made, in order that the fleas may be carefully studied. The utility of such an inquiry is immediately apparent but we should like to know whether all the fleas come from healthy rats or whether some are plague-infected and some are not. The value of the inquiry would be vastly increased in the latter event.

The Undesirables.
A colony like Hongkong is (and rightly) open to receive newcomers, without respect to nationality, who can conduct themselves respectably, can conform to British law and commercial custom, and can live on amicable terms with Britishers. That is our English view of the case, but, translated into up-to-date Cantonese it becomes:—A colony like Hongkong is open to receive any number of beggars, loafers, procurers—and everything else that is physically and morally unsightly and unwholesome—provided they can raise the sum of ten cents to get here from Canton. Fortunately the new laws which are about to be set on foot will knock much of this in the head; will at least show these undesirable that, if they are coming here, they must behave themselves while in the Colony. But would it not be wiser to keep them out altogether?

The Late Mr. Whitelaw Reid.
By the death of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid England loses one of its staunchest friends, and greatest admirers. Not only was Mr. Reid a clever diplomat, but he was a delightful host as well, and his beautiful country place, West Park, was always filled with guests, every one of whom appreciated Mr. Reid's old-world courtesy and thoughtfulness for their pleasure. The entertainments that were given by him and Mrs. Reid at Dorchester House will long be remembered by London society as being in excellent taste and fully in keeping with Mr. Reid's position as the Ambassador of England's sister nation. The late King once said of Mr. Reid: "He is one of the most interesting men that I have ever known." His kindly face and upright figure were to be seen at many functions in London, especially if they had anything to do with charity, and his name always appeared on subscription lists for deserving objects.

Purifying London.

The news that the Royal Assent to what is known as the "White Slavery" Bill coincided with the departure from London of many notorious bullies and procurers, was a most gratifying piece of information. London is all the purer for the disappearance of these inhuman wretches. In this matter we were interested in reading the Parliamentary debate on the clause dealing with the punishment of those convicted of living on a woman's earnings. Many of the Liberal and Labour members protested against flogging offenders, Sir William Byles going as far as to denounce flogging as brutalising and urging that they ought to seek "to elevate and ennoble" the offenders! We are glad that such an argument failed to impress Mr. McKenna, who was in charge of the Bill; he declared that flogging was the only way in which they could stamp out "this cold-blooded, inhuman crime." Our only regret is that the House revoked a previous decision to inflict flogging for a first offence. However, the Act as it has passed into law is a strong and very necessary measure, and, to our way of thinking, represents a most excellent piece of social legislation.

DAY BY DAY.

The mould of a man's fortune is in his own hands.

The Buelow.

The s.s. Buelow is to take the place of the s.s. York, leaving Hongkong on April 1 for Europe. The York will not make this trip.

Later Closing.

We are informed that Messrs. Gra & Co.'s store will be kept open to the public every evening up to 7 o'clock during the Christmas season.

Removing Sand.

The master of a licensed trading junk was fined \$25, at the Police Court, this morning for removing sand from the foreshore at Tsang Lung Tau.

Lottery Tickets.

A Chinese ex-policeman was fined \$150 or in default two months for dealing in lottery tickets at West Point. Inspector Dymond proved the charge.

"At Home."

December 19th being the NAMEDAY Anniversary of His Majesty the Emperor of Russia, the Consul for Russia will be "At Home" at his office from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kailan Mining Administration.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 30th November, amounted to 35,379.55 tons and the sales during the period, to 35,449.86 tons.

Visitors.

Lt. Colonel and Mr. J. J. Harrison, of London, arrived in the Colony this morning by the s.s. Kima Maru, and leave by her on Saturday for Australia. They are staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

Capt. Eyres, R.N.

Capt. C. J. Eyres, formerly Commodore in Hongkong, has been appointed to H.M.S. President, additional, as assistant to Admiral Commanding Coast-guard and Reserves, to date November 16.

The Engineers' Institute.

The adjourned discussion of Mr. J. S. Chapman's paper on "The Efficiency of the Propelling System" is to take place at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders on Friday, commencing at 9 p.m.

Service for Men.

A special service for men will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Friday evening when the preacher will be the Right Rev. Bishop Taylor Smith, O. V. O., D.D., Chaplain General to the Forces. His subject will be "How to make the most of life."

Presentation.

Last night Mr. J. Spittles was presented with a handsome tunic, at the Civil Service Cricket Club pavilion. The presentation was made by a number of friends as a token of esteem and congratulation on the occasion of his recent wedding.

Well-Known Resident's Death.

The death took place on Sunday, at 8 Seymour Terrace, of Mr. D. A. Cordeiro, a well known member of the Portuguese community. The late Mr. Cordeiro was, for 26 years, an employee of Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone and Co., and was widely respected.

Captain Froggatt.

Captain Froggatt's many friends along the China Coast will learn with interest that he has taken over the command of the C. M. s.s. Tung Wah which left today. Captain Froggatt has worked on this coast for over ten years and was, till recently, in the s.s. Shin Kong.

Not Called on.

The case in which Burjorji Musserwanji Talati is suing Musserwanji Talati to recover the sum of Rs. 355,559.14 under a judgment obtained in the High Court at Bombay was to have come before the Chief Justice this morning in the Original Court but the case was not called on this morning.

Bijou Theatre.

The programme at the Bijou Theatre is, as usual, a very attractive and interesting one. Among the films, "The Zims"—an exceedingly clever acrobatic display—calls for special mention; the comic "Votes for Women" is also highly amusing and seasonable. Miss Gladys Spencer continues to delight her audience with her very pretty dancing, and Miss Dolly Swift also deservedly maintains her popularity by her singing.

JOHN SINGLETON MOSBY.

U. S. Consul in Hongkong 1878-1885.

We learn from the American press that Colonel J. S. Mosby is lying dangerously ill at Washington. "Telegraph" readers who knew Hongkong in the early eighties will recollect Col. Mosby as U. S. Consul General in this Colony and will not need to be told that he was an unusually striking personality.

In America he is still spoken of as "the best hated man in the Confederate Army." He seems to have been a born raider; born to carry on sharp-shooting and guerrilla warfare; and the trouble which he gave to his enemies in '64 has become proverbial. In the Shenandoah Valley campaign long lines of communication from Baltimore and from Washington had to be guarded by the Government troops, and Mosby showed extraordinary cleverness in breaking through these. So skilful—and so successful—was he that his enemies represented him as a sort of fiend incarnate; some even went the length of attributing supernatural powers to him.

The Treatment of Prisoners.

These were times of savage cruelties and even more savage reprisals, and the accounts of the ruthless slaughter of prisoners on both sides scarcely form happy reading. Mosby himself, despite his reputation, seems to have been the first to realise that wholesale brutality is not clean fighting, for in a letter to General Sheridan, explaining why he had hanged seven of the latter's men, he adds:—"Hereafter, any prisoners falling into my hands shall be treated with the kindness due to their condition, unless some new act of barbarity shall compel me reluctantly to adopt a course of policy repulsive to humanity."

What Gen. Sheridan thought of Mosby is told in a dispatch to Gen. Halleck on November 26, 1862:—

"I will soon commence work on Mosby. Heretofore I have made no attempt to break him up, as I would have employed ten men to his one for the reason that I have made a scapegoat of him for the destruction of private rights. Now there is going to be an intense hatred of him in that portion of this valley which is nearly a desert. Mosby has annoyed me considerably, but the people are beginning to see that he does not injure me a great deal, but causes a loss to them of all that they have spent their lives in accumulating."

A Terror to the Federals.

The day after writing the above, Sheridan directed General Merritt to destroy all forage, barns, mills, etc., belonging to the enemy; and the order was carried out to the letter. Sheridan's cavalry were then ordered "to clean out Mosby's gang of robbers who have so long infested the district." Lee's and McClellan's armies were lying outside Richmond, and Mosby, at that time still a private, set out alone to scout in the rear of the hostile force. Having learned what he wanted, he recommenced his guerrilla warfare backed up by just a few companions. For two whole years he made life unendurable to the Federal troops; a squadron after squadron was sent to destroy him, and failed. Once he was nearly captured. While some Federal troops were passing a farm house near Middleburg, they saw a saddled horse fastened to a fence. A Confederate officer appeared at the door of the house without his boots. He fired a revolver at the Union soldiers, and the men returned the fire, wounding the Southerner in the body. The Federal forces did not search the officer for papers, nor learn who he was, but went about their business. One of the officers, in a report, said that he did ask the wounded man who he was, and the reply was that he was a Lieut. Johnston, of the Sixth Virginia Cavalry, home on leave. The man was, in fact, Mosby.

With General Lee, Mosby became a prime favourite. An American writer says:—"If Mosby grew peculiarly obnoxious in harassing the enemy's rear, it was because Lee had ordered him to make himself so. His warfare was peculiarly his own. The

enemy could never reach him, save by his own consent, because, if he did not want to fight, he scattered his command far and wide along the country side, to assemble them again whenever a propitious occasion for an attack presented itself."

After the War, Mosby became a Republican, was pardoned by Grant and was ultimately one of the latter's chief supporters in his fight for the Presidency. His enemies spoke of him as having deserted the South. Years after, in San Francisco, a lady asked him if it was true that he had deserted Lee's army. "No, madame," he replied, "Lee's army deserted me!"

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The orders of the day for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Thursday next are:—

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845.

First reading of Bill entitled An Ordinance to prevent the undue and improper interference with or hampering of lawful business and commercial undertakings.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide punishment for certain persons found guilty of adultery or of harbouring Chinese Married Women.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance for effecting final revision and amendment of the Ordinances of the Colony from 1844 to 1912 inclusive before incorporating them in the New Revised Edition of the Laws of the Colony.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon at the offices of the department when Mr. D. W. Trautman presided. There was very little of interest on the agenda but among the items was a letter from the Government acknowledging the receipt of the resolution passed by the Board at their last meeting relative to the issuing of permits to remove building material and turf from the Pokfulam Catchment area.

In a further letter the Colonial Secretary stated that His Excellency the Governor had sanctioned the erection of a temporary market in Canal Road West, and that there was no objection to the issue of a temporary licence in the meantime to sell beef, pork, and vegetables at 132 Wan-chai Road.

Mr. Bowley minuted:—The Government has no control over the issue of licences for the sale of food under section 77. The statement that they have no objection is therefore superfluous.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE CONCERT.

Yesterday evening the last of the series of concerts before Christmas was given at the Seamen's Institute, when the proceedings were presided over by H.E. the Governor, who was accompanied by Lady May and Miss May. There was a good attendance and the items as a whole were generally well received. The programme was as follows:—

Part I.—Selection, Band of P.M.S.S. "Manchuria." Song, Mr. C. J. Higginbotham. Song "The Magic Month of May." Mrs. Platt. Pianoforte Solo, Mrs. Turnbull. Song "The Rebel." Mr. Jones. Song, Mrs. Boswick. Recitation, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock. K.C. Song "If I build a World for You." Miss Lander. Song (Comic) Mr. P. West. Song "Bid Me Discourse." Miss White.

Part II.—Violin Solo, A Dance from "Nell Gwyn." Miss Lockhart. Song, Mrs. Bell. Recitation H.E. Sir Henry May, K.O.M.G. Songs at the Piano, Mrs. Webb, Song "Green Isle of Erin" Mr. Jones. Song "Love's Coronation" Miss White. Song (Comic) Mr. R. Sutherland. Song, Mrs. Boswick.

Bluejacket's Funeral.

The funeral of older S. F. Louie, of the U.S.S. Wilmington, who fell from a verandah at the Victoria House, took place this morning at Happy Valley. A firing squad and sixty shipmates attended, with the first Lieutenant of the Wilmington in charge. The hearse was covered with flowers, and a profusion of them were placed on the grave.

THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

A Second Class Passenger's Experience.

A local contemporary recently gave the experiences of a passenger via Siberia, which were calculated to impress the average reader with a sense of the comfort and convenience to be met with in the 2nd class compartments of the trans-Siberian railway. Another local gentleman, who recently travelled Eastwards by the same line, informs the "Telegraph" that his own experiences were not quite so happy.

"I did it once but—never again," he told us; and proceeded to dwell on the discomforts of his trip. At Warsaw he changed for Moscow; the train was greatly over-crowded and, but for the assistance of some Russian fellow-passengers who understood English, our informant would not have got a seat at all. Nowhere was there a representative of Cook's or any other agency to assist the traveller. At the Russian frontier everyone—men, women and children—was turned out of the train for an examination of hand-baggage, an operation which could have been carried on just as well on the train without disturbing the passengers. At Moscow there was again no one to advise passengers—no one, that is to say, but hotel-runners with an axe to grind.

From there to Irkutsk the travellers were packed sardine-wise in carriages that were absurdly overheated. Worse still, there were but two lavatories for all this number of men; in some cases people had to wait nearly half the day before they could procure a decent wash. A bath was obtainable, but at the extra charge of a rouble and a half (3/-). A redeeming feature, we are told, was the food, which was quite good and reasonably cheap; the waiters, too, were sensible and civil.

At the Manchurian frontier the passengers were again turned out for the examination of baggage, and, this time, were kept standing about for hours in the bitter cold. Altogether it was a miserable journey and one—says our informant—that ladies could not possibly undertake by second-class. Much of the trouble would be avoided if one could register right through from Europe to Shanghai instead of merely to Harbin; but even then the journey can hardly be described as the acme of delight.

THE CANTON MURDER.

The trial of Ibrahim for the murder of Ali Shafa at Canton on September 4 was concluded yesterday afternoon, so far as the courts in Hongkong are concerned.

At the conclusion of argument as to the issue of a writ of *habeas corpus*, and as to whether the court could give leave to appeal to the Privy Council at Home, the Chief Justice sentenced the prisoner to death but informed him that the sentence would be stayed until His Majesty's pleasure was made known.

PROPERTIES OF DYNAMITE.

At the Police Court, this morning, Sergeant Thompson charged the master of a fishing junk with being in unlawful possession of 35 sticks of dynamite. He was asked if he intended using it for fishing and he replied that he used it for frightening sharks.

His Lordship:—Does it frighten sharks?—Yes.

Does it make the junk sail better?—Yes (Laughter).

Defendant was fined \$250.

"AN IDEAL HUSBAND."

Owing to the length of the play the curtain will rise at 9 o'clock precisely to-night. The interest of the play commences from the start and all intending to be present are particularly requested to be seated before the rise of the curtain. In a play of this nature it is essential that no disturbances should detract from the dialogue. An interval of 15 minutes between Acts I and II and of 10 minutes between each of the following acts will, it is hoped, give ample time for refreshment.

DEATH OF MR. C. FITTOCK.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Charles Fittock, Superintendent of the Shipwrights' Department of the Kowloon Docks, which took place to-day after a comparatively brief illness. The deceased had been unwell for some little time, but his condition only became grave within the past few days. Ptomains poisoning is believed to have been the cause of his death.

Mr. Fittock, who had been in the East for very many years, was extremely well-known in the Colony, and he was, by reason of his genial disposition and generous nature, most popular among his many friends, who will hear of his death with deep sorrow. He was formerly Superintendent in charge of the Aberdeen Docks, but, on this establishment closing down so far as its regular activity was concerned, he was transferred to the Kowloon Docks some few years ago. Mr. Fittock was a prominent Freemason, having held the office of Worshipful Master of the Zealand Lodge, while he was also identified for many years with the Eastern Scotin Lodge. He was a keen lover of sport also, and came into considerable prominence as one of the best tennis players in Kowloon.

Mr. Fittock leaves a wife and two children, for whom the deepest sympathy will be felt in the great grief into which they have been plunged. The funeral takes place to-morrow, passing the Monument at 5 o'clock.

AN AMERICAN LECTURER IN JAPAN.

A valuable extension of the system of Exchange in lectures between countries is that under which Mr. Hamilton Wright Mabie will during the coming winter deliver before the great universities of Japan a series of addresses on "The American Spirit, Ideals, and Life." Last year Dr. Nitobe, of the Imperial University of Tokyo, was sent by Japan to America and his lectures there did much to give students and thinkers a just conception of the Japanese people, their modes of thought and their aspirations. It is as a return for Dr. Nitobe's visit that the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, in co-operation with the Japanese Government, has arranged that Mr. Mabie should deliver in Japan the proposed series of addresses on Western civilization and ideals.

Mr. Hamilton Mabie is well known in the States as associate editor of the "Outlook." Among the subjects of his lectures will be—

- 1 Clearing the way; 2 Exploration and Settlement; 3 Making the Nation; 4 The Individualist; 5 The Neighbour; 6 The Record in Literature: Provincial; 7 The Record in Literature: Sectional; 8 The Record in Literature: National; 9 School and College; 10 The University and Research.

During the six months—from December onwards—of Mr. Mabie's stay in Japan he will contribute periodical papers to the "Outlook" on the problems of the Far East.

A LIGHT SENTENCE.

Soldier Charged with Assault.

Pte. Frammeny was, according to a statement of Inspector McHardy to Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, under the influence of drink though not drunk, last night when he assaulted a tramcar driver and two special constables at Causeway Bay.

The defence to the two charges of assault was that a lady wished to get off the car and defendant pulled the driver's coat to get him to stop the car. The driver got annoyed at this and, when the car got to Causeway Bay, gave him in charge for assault. He did not assault the police.

His Worship said the defendant had a very good character in the Army and it was for that reason he was about to pass a light sentence upon him. There was no doubt he had been drinking. He would fine defendant \$3 on each of the two charges, or in default (fourteen days).

BOXER IN COURT.

"Iron" Bux Appears Before Mr. Melbourne.

"Iron" (A.M.) Bux appeared at the Police Court to-day on a charge of egg-throwing at the public, along with two youths named Adam Ismail and Saloman Moosdeen.

The story is that at 8.15 last night P.O. Bilbrough 120, was proceeding from the Western Market to Sincere's with a picket under his charge. On arrival at Sincere's a double-decked car was approaching on its way to West Point and the constable saw two eggs drop alongside the picket. On looking round he saw the three defendants emptying packets of eggs on the top of the car. The constable then went on to the car and arrested them.

At the Police Court, this morning, they were charged with unlawfully and wantonly throwing a missile to the damage or danger of other persons near Sincere and Co's premises.

Constable Bilbrough told his story and P. O. 130 said he was walking from Sincere's when he heard a loud report on the tram car containing the defendants. The car was going at full speed and he ran after it and boarded it at Sincere's where it stopped. He arrested Ismail and searched him but found no arms.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, who defended, said it was simply a boy's prank.

In reply to the charge, Ismail made a statement to the effect that he did throw an egg but did not fire a pistol.

Bux in reply to the charge said he was with the other two going to the cinema-matograph when some Chinese threw stones at them, one of which struck him on the head. They afterwards bought some eggs, and on the way to Sincere and Co., threw the eggs at a crowd of Chinese. He did not throw.

Moosdeen pleaded not guilty and stated that nothing was found in his pockets. No constable saw him throw anything.

After hearing the evidence Mr. Melbourne fined Ismail \$5, and bound him over to be of good behaviour for six months in his father's surety of \$100. The other two, Bux and Moosdeen, were discharged.

HONOUR FOR A HONG-KONG CHINESE.

Li Sam Ling, the Hongkong Chinese who has won distinction as one of the ablest financiers of the new Republic, has been appointed by President Yuan director of the Government mint at Canton.

It will be remembered that Li Sam Ling visited Manila in March as a financial agent of the revolutionary party, and succeeded in raising a large sum of money to aid the cause. Since his return to China he has been active in the affairs of the new government as an assistant to the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Li was educated at St. Paul's College and was subsequently editor of the "Chinese Mail."

STOLEN SINGLET.

Inspector Dymond became curious as to the contents of a parcel which was being carried along Queen's Road West, by a Chinese on Sunday night and he stopped the man. In the bundle he found two singlets valued \$8, which were afterwards identified by Cassim Mohammed, of Wellington Street, as his property.

At the Police Court, this morning, Mr. Hazeland, sentenced the man to one month's imprisonment with hard labour and four hours' stocks.

MORE MISSILE THROWING.

According to the Police report to the Press, some parts of the Colony are still in a very disturbed state, and missile throwing has been renewed. "Yesterday evening whilst an Indian picket is in charge of a European was in Des Vaux Road some one threw two tins filled with sand at them from the veranda of a house."

THE BOYCOTT.

Alleged Threats to Excise Officers.

A man and his concubine were charged before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with disorderly conduct in Connaught Road. It appears that whilst four Excise Officers were waiting for a tram, defendants told them they would be stabbed to death, and other things done to them, if they got on to a tramcar.

A Chinese employee of the Hongkong Excise Office, said himself and three others were about to board the car when the first defendant called out to them. "Take care! I will stab you to death." Witness called out to his comrades to arrest the first defendant. They did so and he asked defendant why he should make such an observation. Defendant was handed over to a European constable. A few days ago witness and others had received a letter which stated that if they used the tramcars they would be stabbed.

By His Worship: He did not know the defendant who had in his possession a ticket for Singapore.

Another witness corroborated the statement made by the previous witness.

Defendant alleged that a man whom he had banished from Singapore had got the excise officers to arrest him. He (defendant) was a police informer at Singapore. The witnesses were his rivals, particularly the first one.

Defendants were discharged.

"YOUR MAJESTY."

How a Defendant Addressed the Police Judge.

In the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Puisse Judge, Tsan Kam Ting, trading as the Victoria Boarding House, sued George Wilson, mariner on the U. S. S. Wilmington, to recover the sum of \$30.25 alleged to be due for lodgings.

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro appeared for the plaintiff, but the defendant was unrepresented.

Mr. D'Almada said in June 11 last the defendant approached the boarding house with a woman who he alleged was his wife, and asked what was the fee chargeable for board and lodging for the woman. The plaintiff told him that board and lodging for the month for his wife would be \$75. He was a mariner on the Wilmington, and he wanted to know what would be the fees for lodgings only for himself. He was told it would be at the rate of \$2 per day or \$35 per month. He agreed for her to stay for a month, and at the end of that time, about June 11 or 12, when he left the house with Mrs. Wilson, plaintiff demanded the amount due to him. The only reply given was a very serious assault on plaintiff, and the defendant was arrested.

He was taken to the police station, and there bailed out in the sum of \$35. He did not surrender to his bail, and the same was reiterated. He, plaintiff, had not seen the defendant since.

Defendant in the box deposed that he had paid down \$75 in advance.

"I think there has some alteration here, your Majesty," remarked the defendant. "I paid him one sum of \$10 but I can only see the 'nought,' looking at one of the plaintiff's books."

The defendant argued that the payment of \$75 was to cover his wife's board and lodging and his occasional staying there. He did not agree to pay \$35 for himself. The additional \$1.25 was for a dish of curried fowl.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff for \$1.25.

Goeben's Skipper. Captain Lindemann is to take the place of Captain A. Ahlborn in command of the N.D.L. s.s. Goeben.

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THE S. S. RUBI.

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Yesterday these gentlemen made a thorough examination of the Rubi, but so far no decision has been arrived at.

NO TELEGRAMS.

Due to Interruption of Cables.

No telegraphic news from Home has reached us to-day, and hence we are only able to print those which have come to hand since our issue of last evening. The non-receipt of messages to-day is, we learn on enquiry at the Telegraph Company's offices, due to the fact that telegraphic communication between Bombay and Hongkong is interrupted. As all press telegrams from London to Hongkong come by way of Bombay, our readers will appreciate the situation.

THE DANGEROUS DEN CASE.

The two Chinese who were charged before Mr. Melbourne, with being in possession of arms and ammunition in a house at Wanchoi, yesterday, and who were defended by Mr. O. F. Mason, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, were each fined \$100 in default three months. Sergeant Ogg who raided the house was commended by the Magistrate.

EXCESS OF PASSENGERS.

This morning in the Marine Magistrate's Court, before Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., Lo Kwai, master of the s.s. Wa Hing, was charged with unlawfully carrying 12 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his licence on Dec. 12. Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the defence.

P. C. Joy deposed to visiting the launch which ran between Yau-mat and Hongkong. He saw it near Stanley's buoy and it appeared to be dangerously overloaded. On boarding the vessel he found 126 on board whereas it was only licensed to carry 114.

Witness said the first time he counted he found 126, on counting again the number was only 121, but subsequently he found two men hidden in the engine room and three in the fore peak.

The case was adjourned. For failing to licence their boats, two boats people were fined \$5 each.

Ziangbe Rubber Co., Ltd. The secretaries of the Ziangbe Rubber Co., Ltd., state that the estimated output of dry rubber for the month of November is 2,900 lbs.

A CONTRACT QUESTION.

Sequel to a Verbal Agreement.

This afternoon before Mr. Justice Gompertz an interesting case was continued in which Kwan Shiu Hing, contractor of 84 Peel Street proceeded against Tam Yuk Shun of 6 Stanley Street also a contractor.

The plaintiff's case was that on October 8, 1912, he entered into a verbal agreement to carry on a certain building contract, to pull down and erect eight Chinese shops and dwelling houses in Cross St. He asked that there should be a declaration that the verbal agreement was binding, and that specific performances should be ordered; that a proper deed of co-partnership between the plaintiff and the defendant, should be settled by the judge in case the parties differed, and for an injunction restraining the defendant from carrying on the work alone, or with any person or persons other than the plaintiff, and also to restrain the defendant from cutting the plaintiff from partnership.

The sitting to-day was devoted to the adjourned hearing of the motion for an injunction.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. J. H. Gardiner, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Reader Harris of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the defence.

Mr. Jenkin arguing on behalf of the defence urged that the injunction, if granted, would take the form, practically, of a mandatory injunction. In the original application Mr. Potter asked the court to restrain the defendant from carrying on the work along with any other person or persons.

Mr. Potter pointed out that the interim injunction was granted to prevent the defendant subletting the contract.

Mr. Jenkin remarked that if they were seeking an order in the terms of the original injunction, it was an attempt to get the court specifically to enforce a contract, about which there was considerable doubt and on which, according to the evidence, as filed, there was very little chance of the plaintiff ever succeeding.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

DON'T FORGET.

To-night. "An Ideal Husband" Theatre Royal.

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Thursday, Dec. 19. "An Ideal Husband." Theatre Royal.

Friday Dec. 20. Service for Men. St. John's Cathedral 9.15 p.m.

To-day's Advertisement

NOTICE.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Destination.	Steamers and Displacement.	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID	TANGO MARU, Capt. K. Kawara, T. 18,500	WEDNESDAY, 18th December at Daylight
EUROPE &c.	KAMO MARU, Capt. F. L. Sommer, T. 16,000	WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OSAKA, & YAMAGUCHI	AWA MARU, Capt. Shimidzu, T. 12,500	TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BATHURST	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 9,800	FRIDAY, 20th Dec., at Noon.
YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 7,000		WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 7,000		WEDNESDAY, 18th Dec., at Noon.
MISHIMA MARU, Capt. E. A. Moses, T. 16,000		THURSDAY, 19th Dec., at daylight.
COLOMBO MARU, Capt. Kawashima, T. 6,000		SATURDAY, 28th Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	CEYLON MARU, Capt. Tozawa, T. 12,000	MONDAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon.
HAKATA MARU, Capt. H. Nomura, T. 12,500		MONDAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ	RANGOON MARU, Capt. Kamoshiki, T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 18th Dec., at Noon.

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Steamer.	Tons displacement.	Leaving H.K.
Mishima Maru	16,000	29th January.
Kaga Maru	12,500	12th February.
Atsuta Maru	16,000	26th February.
Hitachi Maru	18,000	12th March.
Miyazaki Maru	16,000	26th March.
Kilano Maru	16,000	9th April.
Iyo Maru	12,500	23rd April.
Hirano Maru	16,000	7th May.
Tango Maru	18,500	21st May.

FOR AMERICA.

Steamer.	Tons displacement.	Leaving H.K.
Inaba Maru	12,500	11th February.
Shidzuoka Maru	12,500	25th February.
Tamba Maru	12,500	11th March.
Awa Maru	12,500	25th March.
Sado Maru	12,500	14th April.
Yokohama Maru	12,500	22nd April.
Inaba Maru	12,500	6th May.
Shidzuoka Maru	12,500	20th May.

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T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers.	To Sail.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TAMING"	17th Dec. 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	19th " 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LIANGCHOW"	21st " 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	26th " 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"KUEICHOW"	27th " 4 P.M.

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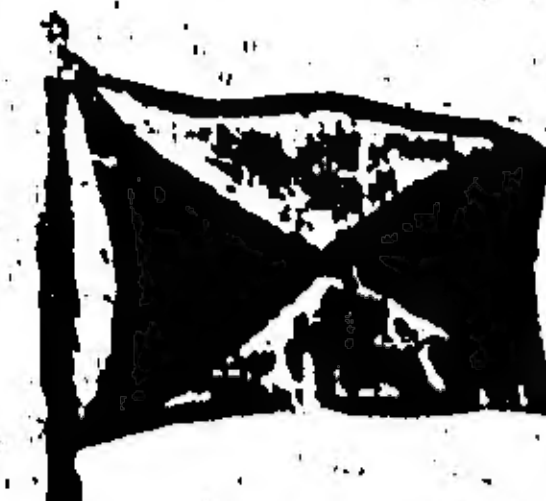
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Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Date.
RUBI	4000	J. Miller	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	TUESDAY, 17th Dec., 4 P.M.
ZAFIRO	4000	F. B. Cross	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	FRIDAY, 27th Dec., 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. GENERAL MANAGERS

Hongkong 7th December, 1912.

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Regular fortnightly service between

JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Tijlwoong	JAPAN	1st half Dec.	JAVA	1st half Dec.
Tijpanas	JAVA	1st half Dec.	JAPAN	1st half Dec.
Tjikini	JAVA	1st half Dec.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Dec.
Tijlmanock	JAPAN	2nd half Dec.	JAVA	2nd half Dec.
Tijlartap	JAPAN	2nd half Dec.	JAVA	2nd half Dec.
Tijlartoom	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tijlmahi	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tijlboas	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.

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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	11,000	W. W. Greene	Dec. 21st, Noon.
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	21,000	A. G. Stevens	Jan. 11th, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	Jan. 17th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	Feb. 11th, Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screws.

All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office.

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INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The twin screw steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 11th January, 1913, at Noon.

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Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to Alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, February 1, Noon 1913.
Buyo Maru	10,500	Thursday, April 3, Noon 1913.

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Mongolia ... 27,000 " " Jan. 7th, at 1 p.m.

"Persia" ... 9,000 " " Jan. 28th, at 1 p.m.

Korea ... 18,000 " " Feb. 4th, at 1 p.m.

Passengers holding through Tickets have the privilege of travelling by train between Kobe and Yokohama, free of charge.

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MEE CHEUNG.

ART PHOTOGRAPHER

HONGKONG.

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LOG BOOM.

Chargeurs Reunis.

The board of directors of the Compagnie des Chargeurs Reunis, which ranks third among the large French steamship companies, have decided to pay five per cent dividend for the financial year ending June, 1912. This proposal was to be submitted to the general meeting of shareholders to be held on Nov. 25.

Training of Boys for Mercantile Marine.

The Finance Committee of the London County Council recommend the Council to co-operate, by scholarships, etc., in training London boys for the mercantile marine. They suggest that 500 boys be sent to sea annually for two years' training. Thus, after the first year, there would always be one thousand boys in training. The committee propose an annual grant of £2 for each boy.

The Montreal Floating Dock.

In a speech at the launching of the floating dry dock at Montreal on November 18, the Duke of Connaught said that a great reproach against the St. Lawrence trade route was now removed and that the largest vessels could run to Montreal, their owners knowing that they were entering a port in possession of a complete modern equipment for the repair and examination of ships. In the past absence of such equipment had discouraged traffic and influenced underwriters unfavourably against the great national waterway.

Special low rates on s.s. Nile.

The Pacific Mail steamship company have made an almost unheard of low rate as an inducement for China coast residents to visit Manila on the intermediate steamship Nile which is due to arrive at Manila on December 21. This rate, says the "Cable News American", which is only for this one trip of the Nile, make the round trip fare from Shanghai to Manila and return via Hongkong only \$90. This rate also includes a single passage from Shanghai to Manila at the rate of \$40 and from Shanghai to Hongkong via Manila, \$40 Mex. This rate does not allow for any stop-over privileges. An arrangement has also been made at a special rate with stop-over privileges at Manila. The round trip fare from Shanghai to Manila and return via Hongkong with stop-over privileges is fixed at \$99 and the single fare from Shanghai to Hongkong with stop-over at Manila at \$86.

A Dry-dock Steamship.

The E. H. Dodge Lumber Company, of Portland, Oregon (says an America newspaper), is having plans prepared for a dry-dock steamship capable of carrying 5,000,000 feet of lumber. Like a floating dry dock, this vessel will be capable of being partly submerged and having scows loaded with lumber run into five compartments built on pontoons at each side of the steamer proper. There will be three sets of scows, ten in a set, one group of which will be kept at each end of the route and the third in transit. In this way this vessel can be discharged, loaded and made ready to leave within five or six hours after her arrival in port.

German Shipbuilding.

"I do not think Germany will ever be a greater shipbuilding nation than England." So said Mr. M. Boger, one of the directors of the German-Australian Steamship Line, during a visit Australia. Mr. Boger added: "We in Germany are mainly trying to meet the demands of trade. The demand for ships is increasing every year, and we are merely trying to keep pace with it. England is entirely ahead of our tonnage, and I think will always remain at the head of the shipbuilding nations. There is no ambition on our part to equal or excel Great Britain in this respect." Asked if there had been any phenomenal increase in the number of shipbuilding yards in Germany, Mr. Boger replied: "On the contrary, some shipbuilding yards there have been wound up for want of orders."

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1912

LOG BOOK.

The Titanic's Bandmen.

White Star Line have issued a reply to criticisms by Mr. J. B. Williams, general secretary of the Amalgamated Musicians' Union, alleging that the owners of the Titanic, on a "paltry technical point," repudiated liability for compensation to the relatives of heroic bandmen. It is pointed out that the bandmen were supplied under contract by Messrs. C. W. and F. N. Black. Originally the men were signed on the articles at the nominal rate of 1s. per month, thus bringing them within the scope of the Workmen's Compensation Act. The White Star Line, in turn, insured the bandmen, paying half the premium with Messrs. Black. Early this year, however, as a result of agitation by the Amalgamated Musicians' Union, which had objection to musicians signing articles, the practice was changed, and the bandmen were sent to sea as passengers with a second-class ticket. This relieved the White Star Company from liability under the Workmen's Compensation Act, but it was not the reason for the change, and they continued to pay the insurance jointly with Messrs. Black. The White Star Line were equally surprised with the public when they learnt that the insurance company had repudiated liability. Having regard to the facts, the White Star Line requested Messrs. Black to interview the insurance company, and arrangements are now in progress by which the insurance company will, it is hoped, deal liberally with cases where bona fide dependency can be proved.

New Shipyard Agreement.
At a conference held in Edinburgh last month between representatives of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation and the standing committee of the shipyard trade unions the final draft of the new Shipyard Trade Agreement was approved, and arrangements were made for sending it to the federation and the branches of the various unions for their approval. As the agreement is recommended by the executive board of the federation and the shipyard trades committee it is practically certain to be endorsed by both parties. The new agreement is an amalgamation of the best points of the agreement of December, 1910 both of which formally expired last September,

but which have since ruled by mutual consent, pending the drawing up of the amended agreement. The amendments made are mostly designed for the speeding up of the machinery for settling disputes. Definite limits of time are laid down within which questions raised by the employers or the men must be considered in consultation with individual employers or at local or national conferences. It is expected that these provisions will remove the principal objection of the men to the old agreement. This was that negotiations regarding disputed points were carried to great length, and that in consequence the settlements were frequently of very little value to them. It has also been agreed that there shall be in the new agreement no penal clauses for the punishment of employers or men who commit breaches of the agreement, and the clause providing for the election of an outside arbitrator to decide when there is a breach of the agreement has been omitted. In addition the men have abandoned their claim for a neutral chairman at joint conferences. The Boiler-makers' Society is not a party to the new agreement.

Rumours of Shipping Amalgamation Repeated.

London, November 22.—The most positive statements are being repeated concerning the big shipping consolidation, which is believed to be under negotiation. The "Stock Exchange Gazette" thus states the "facts according to our information":—"These embrace an intention on the part of a powerful financial group to acquire a controlling interest in the P. and O. Company on the basis of £500 or £550 for each £100 of deferred stock and £200 or £220 for each £100 of Royal Mail ordinary stock, while the British India Company would be treated on a separate basis, concerning which there is no information. These, however, are the companies which it is sought to bring into union, with possibly the Cunard Company as well, by reason of its business connection with the P. and O. Company. There has been a suggestion that the group or syndicate who have been buying the capital issues of these companies would achieve their purpose by Saturday next, and we merely repeat this in order to state that there is very little likelihood of the matter being completed as speedily as this. There can be no doubt, in the first place, that Sir Thomas Sutherland's denials of any intention on the part of himself to participate in a scheme of consolidation are genuine, and it is therefore obvious that any controlling interest obtained in

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European Ports.

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London via Usual Ports of Call	Himalaya	P. & O. Co.	21 December
London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Sicilia	P. & O. Co.	25 Dec., about
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	Alesia	H. A. L.	24 December
do do do	Sambria	H. A. L.	11 January
Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Brasil	H. A. L.	5 January
do do do	Fuerst Buelow	H. A. L.	23 January
Marseilles and Hamburg, &c.	Segovia	H. A. L.	19 December
Marseilles, London & Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Tango Maru	N. Y. K.	18 December
Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	1 February
Cape Ports via Mauritius	Duneric	Bank Line	Begin. January
Copenhagen and Baltic Ports	Canton	A. N. & Co.	15 January
Trieste via Singapore, Penang & Colombo, &c.	Africa	S. W. & Co.	19 December
Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c.	Persia	S. W. & Co.	31 Dec., about
Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, Southampton	Luettow	M. & Co.	25 December

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

Boston and New York	Egremont Castle	D & Co.	19 Dec., about
New York via Suez Canal	Schuyllkill	Bank Line	30 December
New York via Ports and Suez Canal	Swazi	S. T. & Co.	9 Jan., about
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Chiyo Maru	T. K. K.	21 December
do do do	Nile	P. M. Co.	31 December
Victoria, Vancouver, &c.	Ockley	Bank Line	End of December
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Japan, &c.	Tacoma Maru	O. S. K.	26 December
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Keelung, &c.	Panama Maru	O. S. K.	4 January
Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Awa Maru	N. Y. K.	31 December
Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Empress of India	O. P. R. Co.	11 January

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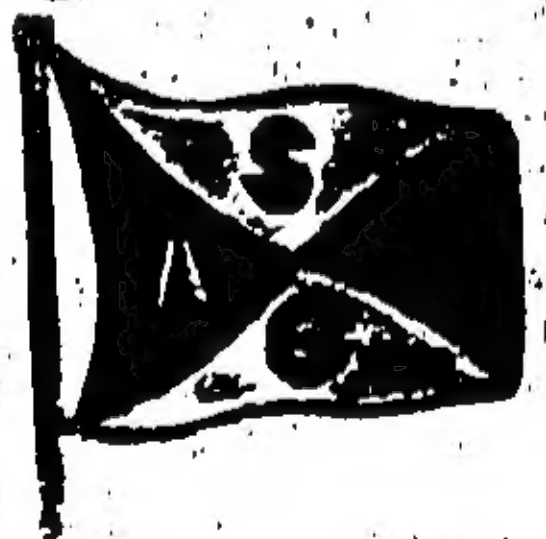
Australian Ports	Changsha	B. & S.	4 January
Australian Ports via Manila	Kumano Maru	N. Y. K.	20 December
do do do	Prinz Waldemar	M. & Co.	28 December
do do do	St. Albans	G. L. & Co.	4 January

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjimahi	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Yatsang	J. M. & Co.	20 December
do do do	Thongwa	D. S. & Co.	27 December
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta	Colombo Maru	N. Y. K.	28 December
Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	Middle of January
Bombay via Singapore and Colombo	Wakasa Maru	N. Y. K.	23 December
Sandakan	Mausang	J. M. & Co.	19 December
Japan	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Yokohama and Kobe	Tjimanoeck	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	Upada	J. M. & Co.	19 December
do do do	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
Kobe and Moji	Vorwaerts	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
Kobe and Yokohama	Arratoon Apar.	D. S. & Co.	30 December
do do do	Mishima Maru	N. Y. K.	19 December
do do do	Coblentz	M. & Co.	7 Jan., about
Ngasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Yawata Maru	N. Y. K.	18 December
Anping and Takao via Swatow and Amoy	Sosho Maru	O. S. K.	25 December
Kwangchow-wang and Haiphong	Si-Kiang	M. M. Co.	18 December
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Huitan	D. L. & Co.	20 December
do do do	Haiyang	D. L. & Co.	24 December
Foochow via Swatow and Amoy	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	18 December
Manila	Ynensang	J. M. & Co.	21 December
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	27 December
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Rangoon Maru	N. Y. K.	18 December
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Kutsang	J. M. & Co.	18 December
do do do	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	24 December
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Hakata Maru	N. Y. K.	23 December
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Sunda	P. & O. Co.	26 Dec., about
Shanghai	Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjikini	P. M. Co.	Quick despatch
do do do	Delta	P. & O. Co.	19 Dec., about
do do do	Koerber	S. W. & Co.	5 January
do do do	Chinlun	B. & S.	19 December
do do do	Liangchow	B. & S.	21 December

To Sail

Hongkong—New York.

AMERICAN ASIATIC S.S. CO.
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ
CANAL.HONGKONG-NEW YORK
(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast)British S.S. "SWAZI"
on or about 9th January, 1913.For freight & further information,
apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd Dec. 1912. [587]

Regular Steamship Service

With Liberty to call at the
Malabar Coast.REGULAR SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK.
S.S. "EGREMONT" on or about
21st Dec.For Freight and further information,
apply to
DOLWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

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To Sail

R.M.S. "DUNOTTAR CASTLE."

The above steamer of 6,687 tons register and classed 100 A.L. at Lloyd's, having superior first class passengers accommodation, fitted with wireless telegraphy, electric fans in all staterooms and carrying first class passengers only, is due at Hongkong on the 18th instant, and will leave for Yokohama direct the following day. She will return here on THURSDAY, January 2nd and sail for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, Calcutta, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, Suez (for Cairo), Port Said, Messina and Marseilles on MONDAY, January 6th 1913.

A number of vacant first class berths are available at moderate rates, and special accommodation can also be booked if required. For further particulars please apply to—
JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong 12th Nov., 1912. [844]

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL
LINE.FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ
CANAL.
(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast).THE Steamship
"SCHUYLLKILL"will be despatched from this port on
30th December.For Freight and further particulars,
apply to
THE BANK LINE, LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th Dec., 1912. [687]

MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.VESSELS ADVERTISED TO
DEPART TO-MORROW.

For	Vessel
Pakhoi	Sikiang.
Foochow	Kaijo-maru.
Japan	Yawata-maru.
Macao	Sui Tai.
Japan	Amazona.
London	Tango-maru.
Japan	Rangoon-maru.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO
ARRIVE TO-MORROW.

From	Vessels
Saigon	Amazona.
Shanghai	Anhui.
Singapore	Kumsung.
Singapore	Mishima-maru.
Singapore	Rangoon-maru.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. Mongolia, with the American mail, left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, the Japan ports and Manila on the 30th November.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru, left San Francisco for Hongkong via usual ports on the 7th inst. and is due here on the 31st inst.

The mails ex P.M. s.s. Nile, have been transferred to the s.s. Awa Maru, and not to the P. & O. s.s. Himalaya as previously advised.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. s.s. Delta, left Singapore for this port on the 14th inst., at 6 p.m., and is due here on the 20th inst., about 6 a.m.

FRENCH MAIL.

The s.s. Ernest Simons will not leave Shanghai before the 25th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 28th inst.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinzess Alice, which left here on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at 10 a.m., arrived at Singapore on Sunday, the 15th inst. at noon.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. and A. str. St. Albans from Sydney, left Port Darwin on the 2nd inst. for Timor, Manila and Hongkong.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. Shimosa sailed from New York on the 24th inst., for Far East, via the Straits.

The str. Kansas, passed the Suez Canal on the 3rd December, and is due here on or about 3rd January.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru, arrived at Honolulu from Manzanillo on the 13th inst., and is due in Hongkong on the 18th January.

The I. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Kumsang, from Singapore, is due at Hongkong on the 18th inst., and leaves for Japan on the 20th inst.

The Indra Line s.s. Indramayo, from New York, is due at Hongkong on the 23rd inst. She passed Canal on the 26th ult.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Upada, from Singapore, is due at Hongkong on the 17th inst., and leaves for Japan on the 20th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Mishima Maru, European Line, left Singapore, for this port via on the 12th inst., and is expected here on the 18th inst.

The str. Dilwara, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 15th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 20th inst., p.m.

The O. S. K. s.s. Tacoma Maru, from Tacoma, arrived at Manila on the 15th inst., and will leave again for this port on the 18th inst., and is due here on the 21st inst., a.m.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Rangoon Maru, Bombay Line, left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., and is expected here on the 18th inst.

The "Ben" Line s.s. Benlawers, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 12th for this port.

The I. M. G. s.s. Coblenz, left Sydney, on the 14th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about 6th January.

The H. A. L. s.s. Armenia left Singapore on the 14th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 20th inst., a.m.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Childar, Nor. s.s. 1,102, Flojort, 14th Dec.—Surabaya 4th Dec., Sugar.—T. & Co.

Chip Shing, Br. s.s. 1,199, Mooney, 13th Dec.—Canton 12th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Chiyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 7,250, W. W. Greene, 16th Dec.—San Francisco 15th Nov. Mail and Gen.—T. K. K.

Clara Johnson, Ger. s.s. 1,103, A. P. Uderup, 13th Dec.—Canton 12th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

Huiching, Br. s.s. 1,267, W. C. Passmore, 15th Dec.—Swatow 14th Dec., Gen.—J. L. & Co.

Haimun, Br. s.s. 641, J. W. Evans, 13th Dec.—Swatow 12th Dec., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Hanoi, Fr. s.s. 739, G. Bonhier, 12th Dec.—Haiphong via Pakhoi, 10th Dec., Gen.—A. R. Marty.

Hoihow, Br. s.s. 987, McCulloch, 10th Dec.—Amoy 7th Dec., Ballast.—B. & S.

Hopsang, Br. s.s. 1,359, J. M. Hay, 13th Dec.—Java 3rd Dec., Sugar.—J. M. & Co.

Kaijo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,293, 14th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Ballast.—O. S. K.

Kauchow, Br. s.s. 1,217, Monkman, 14th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Kjeld, Nor. s.s. 800, T. Hellero, 7th Dec.—Haiphong 5th Dec., Stone.—A. T. & Co.

Kohya, Br. s.s. 1,168, Ballast, 12th Dec.—Manila 5th Dec., Gen.—R. Basa.

Kuelchow, Br. s.s. 1,215, Cole, 13th Dec.—Canton 12th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Laertes, Br. s.s. 1,320, Wawn, 5th Dec.—Saigon 22nd Nov., Gen.—W. Fat Sing.

Landrat Scheiff, Ger. s.s. 1,168, 16th Dec.—Bangkok 4th Dec., Rice.—Chinese.

Liberia, Ger. s.s. 1,168, 14th Dec.—Shanghai 11th Dec., Gen.—H. A. L.

Lord Curzon, Br. s.s. 2,337, P. G. Henriksen, 2nd Dec.—Moji 26th Nov., Flour, etc.—Order.

Loval, Br. s.s. 3,900, R. Elleg, 14th Dec.—Liverpool 26th Oct., Gen.—D. & Co.

Lysemoon, Ger. s.s. 1,254, O. Sarly, 12th Dec.—Saigon 6th Dec., Gen.—H. A. L.

Namsang, Br. s.s. 2,591, H. E. Gilroy, 14th Dec.—Japan, Coal and Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Mausang, Br. s.s. 1,646, A. C. A. Corneek, 15th Dec.—Sandakan 10th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Si Kiang, Fr. s.s. 1,015, Catalano, 15th Dec.—Rice.—Haiphong 14th Dec., Gen.—M. M.

Varg, Nor. s.s. 874, Rasmussen, 14th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Ballast.—A. T. & Co.

Yatsing, Br. s.s. 1,424, Anderson, 11th Dec.—Moji 4th Dec., Coal.—J. M. & Co.

Cooked Ham 41.40 per cwt.
Corned Beef, Pork and Beans
ALEXANDRA DUFF COY

COMMERCIAL

Mine Outputs

The output of the Rahman Tin Co. during November was 888 piculs. The output of tin from the Rahman estate for November was 397 piculs of which 189 piculs were mined by the company and 208 piculs by tributors. The estimated gross receipts, including tribute, are \$15,500, and the mining costs \$3,300, leaving an estimated profit of \$12,200. The November output of the Tronoh Mines, Limited, is: From mine piculs 3,019, from tributors piculs 2,041, total piculs 4,210. Value from mine \$17,022.16, total \$203,976.83. Estimated profit: from mine after payment of all charges, development, capital expenditure, etc., \$150,054, from tributors \$1,018.30, total \$151,072.39. Production to November 30, piculs 43,103.

Singapore Exchange:
December 5, 1912.
On London—Bank 4 m/s 2/4.13-32
Demand—2/4-1.8
Private 6 m/s 2/4.7.8
3 m/s 2/4.9.10
On Germany—Bank 4 m/s 238.1-2
Private 3 m/s 242.1-2
On France—Bank 4 m/s 294
Private 3 m/s 299
On India—Bank T.T. 174.1-8
Private 30 d/s 175.5-8
On Hongkong—Bank 4 m/s 10.3-4
Private 30 d/s 11.3-4
On Shanghai—Bank 4 m/s 80.1-2
Private 30 d/s 81.1-2
On Java—Bank T.T. 140.1-2
Private 30 d/s 142.1-2
On Japan—Bank 4 m/s 113.3-4
Sovereigns—buying rate \$3.54
India Council Bills last issue 1/4.1-16
India Council T.T. last issue 1/4.3-32
Discount 3 m/s 4.9-16
Bank of England discount rates 5 p.c.
Bar silver in London 20.7-18
November Rubber Returns:
Pahang—6,591 lbs.
Batu Rata—8,577 lbs.
Bakoh—2,300 lbs.
Bradwall—12,606 lbs.
Chimpul—2,075 lbs.
Batang Malaka 5,263 lbs.
Bilgownia—13,950 lbs.
Chersonese—27,622 lbs.
Dannistown—17,405 lbs.
Highlands and Lowlands—83,985 lbs.
Sungei Liang—2,930 lbs.
Riverside—17,070 lbs.
Strathmore—3,520 lbs.
Sun Manggis—2,730 lbs.
Klabang—5,834 lbs.
Sungei Krian—7,773 lbs.
Sungei Way—20,575 lbs.
Ayer Kuning (F.M.S.)—7,331 lbs.
Krian Rubber Plantations—10,807 lbs.
Anglo Malay—100,290 lbs.
Patting—36,258 lbs.
London Asiatic—74,864 lbs.
Bikam—12,124 lbs.
Ribu—16,382 lbs.
Selahger Rubber Co.—43,249 lbs.
Sungei Krait—10,861 lbs.
Perak Rubber Plantations—25,410 lbs.
Broom—8,356 lbs.
Merlimau—19,000 lbs.
Keremak—2,200 lbs., making a total for the six months of the current financial year of 8,701 lbs.
Estate of Krian—15,345 lbs., total to date 110,145 lbs.
New Columbia—7,742 lbs., total for first 11 months of the year 64,875 lbs.
Nyalas—2,550 lbs., making a total for the six months of the current financial year of 11,600 lbs.
Juru—2,150 lbs., coconuts 49,520 seeds, for financial year commencing March 31, rubber 13,944 lbs., coconuts 508,159 seeds.
Linggi—111,874 lbs., total to date 11 months 930,429 lbs.; surplus to end of September, 25,554 lbs.
Labu (F.M.S.)—33,585 lbs., total to date 11 months 320,888 lbs.
Port Dickson-Lukat—14,635 lbs., total to date 8 months 68,442 lbs.
Cheviot—12,222 lbs., total to date 11 months 95,117 lbs.
Nordana—37,991 lbs., total to date 359,140 lbs.; corresponding period last year 220,186 lbs.
Singapore United—Four months, to October 31, 50,004 lbs., November 15,000 lbs., (estimated), to date 65,004 lbs.; to same date last year 20,428 lbs., increase 35,586 lbs.

Japan's Match Trade.

The total export of matches from Osaka and Kobe for November amounted to 14,008 and 46,536 cases respectively, bringing up the total shipments from the two ports this year to over 638,300 cases showing an increase of over 113,300 cases on the figures for the corresponding period of last year. The big export of phosphorus matches from Osaka last month, which exceeded 14,000 cases—and unprecedented figure—is attributed to the large increase in demand at different places in China just before the freezing-up of the North China ports.

Singapore Produce:
December 5, 1912.

Gambier ... \$7.00
do (Cuba No. 1) unpicked 13.70
Copa Sundried ... 11.60
do Mixed ... 10.80
Pepper, Black ... 19.75
do White 5 percent ... 33.00
Sago Flour Sarawak ... 4.00
do Bruno No. 1 ... non.
Pearl Sago ... 5.50
Coffee Bali ... 34.00
Coffee Palembang 10 per cent. basis ... 33.00
Tapioca, small flake ... 7.70
do small pearl ... 7.15
do med. pearl ... 113.00
Tin ... 3.40
Opium, China ... 1.100
" Straits ... 220
Rice, Rangoon White ... 320
Rice, Siam No. 1 ... 290
do No. 2 ... 290
Petroleum.
Devos Imp. Brilliant Oil (2 tins) ... 3.42
Sylvan Arrow Oil (2 tins) ... 3.11
Fish Brand (2 tins in case at 3.15
Oil (2 tins) at 3.15
Lamp Glass (2 tins in case at 3.15
(superfine) 2 tins at 3.05
Langkat's (2 tins in case at 3.05
Brand (2 tins) at 2.95
Bulk Oil per drum of 4 galls ... at 2.55
Cross Oil (2 tins) at 2.75
Turpene per tin 4 gallons at 2.60

Consignees

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM EUROPE
HE Steamship.

"EMBROKESHIRE,"
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd Dec., at 6 p.m. will be subject to rank. All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on 23rd inst., at 9.30 a.m. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th Dec. 1912. [987]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

THE Steamship
"CHIYO MARU."

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA.

The above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from along-side.

Cargo remaining undelivered on WEDNESDAY, 18th Nov., at 5 p.m., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown.
No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on MONDAY, the 23rd inst., after noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or Godown and examination of same to be held on 23rd inst.
All claims must be filed on or before 29th inst., otherwise they will not be recognized.

S. MORIMOTO,
Agent.
Hongkong, 16th Dec. 1912. [988]

Entertainments

THEATRE ROYAL

"AN IDEAL HUSBAND"

A PLAY IN 4 ACTS
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8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. " 10 min.

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 15 min.

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. " 15 min.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. " 10 min.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. " 15 min.

1.45 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. " 10 min.

3.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.

5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 15 minutes.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m.

8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. every 15 min.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 10 min.

11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon " 15 min.

12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. " 10 min.

1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.

5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. " 10 min.

6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. " 15 min.

7.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

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H. D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, 24th Nov. 1911.

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Hongkong, 24th January 1912 [170]

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GEORGE HOGG,
Manager.
9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Mongkong, 1st Nov., 1912. [19]

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [18]

Notices

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1912, at 8 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land below Kennedy Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one far term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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BOXING.

Cordell's Straightforward reply to Kerrison.

A representative of the "Telegraph" had a chat with Jack Cordell yesterday evening in the course of which Cordell said he issued an open invitation to the Army and Navy in Hongkong to put up the best man they had at his weight and he would feel favoured, by being given an opportunity to meet him. He was greatly impressed by the kindness shown to him by the sportsmen of Hongkong on Saturday evening, and said that he was convinced more than ever that the Britisher appreciated a clever man in any branch of sport and paid little heed to nationality. At first he felt a little nervous as to how he would be received, being a stranger and an American, but he was now satisfied that no matter where he went he could not find a more generous set of sportsmen than those assembled at the ringside on Saturday.

Dealing with a statement that Kerrison desired to have another encounter with him, Cordell said that he was willing to meet Kerrison at any time and place he thought fit for a side of \$500. If Kerrison is prepared to accept that he has only to leave his deposit at the office of the "Hongkong Telegraph" and Cordell will cover it. Jack Cordell is prepared to have the articles of the match drawn up in the office of this paper, and have everything straight and aboveboard so that no one will be able to say that either himself or his opponent was guilty of anything that was not straightforward. "I have a lot to lose," said Cordell, "and at the moment I will have to be careful what I am doing as my finger is very bad in consequence of catching the bone of Yoro's left jaw in the knock-out on Saturday. I came here to fight straight fights, and I intend to fight straight, win or lose, and leave the Colony with the clean record with which I came."

A reply from Kerrison is awaited with interest.

Mr. Hall Explains.
With reference to a statement made by Private Potter, Mr. "Nobby" Hall writes to the "Telegraph" stating that it did not come as a surprise to him that Potter would not meet Hayes though he thinks the least that the former might have done was to send him a communication to the effect that he declined to meet Hayes, so that he (Mr. Hall) could have changed his posters. Mr. Hall thinks that when Potter signed an agreement to fight Hayes and then "backed out of it with a half-hearted excuse like he made" it does not reflect much credit on a man who belongs to such a good sporting regiment as the R.O.Y.L.I. Mr. Hall states that he held the belief that Potter had always a good name in boxing circles for straightforward work, but he cannot see how this affair will do him any good and he thinks that in the interest of sport it is up to him to inform the public, and any promoters that there might be in Singapore, of what has occurred.

Mr. Hall adds that he is quite surprised at the way Sky Kerrison turned him down considering that it was only a few weeks ago that he (Mr. Hall) received from Kerrison, an interesting letter asking him to go on board his ship and talk business. As Kerrison had many offers from various promoters, Mr. Hall declined to "have anything to do with him". Sky had been matched, he states, against so many people this month, that he found it difficult to say who he would actually meet. If, however, Kerrison is agreeable, the man Mr. Hall spoke of is willing to meet him at any suitable place for a purse; the purse to be devoted to any local charity; failing this, he is willing to fight Kerrison for pastime.

Canadian Pacific Dividend.
Montreal, November 11.—At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company held here to-day a dividend of 2½ per cent. was declared on the common stock for the quarter ended September 30 last, being at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum from revenue and 3 per cent. per annum from interest on the proceeds of land sales and from other extraneous assets. The dividend is payable on January 2.

A "SUPER-EIFFEL" TOWER.

Dusseldorf Engineer's Remarkable Design.

When M. Eiffel, twenty-five years ago, first suggested the idea of his grandiose tower, 300 metres in height, the scheme met with much incredulity on the part of engineers and with an open protest, in the name of beauty, on the part of artists. It is also known, says an exchange, that this tower, so far from merely serving as a monument of modern engineering, after being the greatest attraction of an international exhibition, is now used for a number of practical purposes, as a belvedere, a meteorological observatory and as a wireless telegraph station.

A Dusseldorf engineer, named Czach, has now designed plans for the construction of what may be termed a "super-Eiffel tower," an enormous iron structure, 500 metres high, to be erected in connection with a new Rhine bridge in his native city. Apart from this economic value, the "Rhine tower" would serve the same scientific purposes as its French predecessor and the future may even suggest new applications. The basis of the tower crossing the Rhine would be found by an arch bridge having two openings, each 105 metres span, with main girders 16 metres apart. To the main river openings would be connected the smaller high-water openings, the frames of which, as in the case of the present Rhine bridge, would be situated below the runway. In fact, the outlines of the bridge would be practically identical with those of the old bridge. Apart from the greater pitch of the arches, the main difference would be the design of the arch pillars, in connection with which the usual diagonals in the various panels are missing, this part of the structure, as well as the tower itself, being designed on the Viereckel system.

It is proposed that in the direction of the river the tower should rest on two pillars, 195 metres apart, corresponding with the central pillar of the bridge. The tower pillars would rise in a mighty arch connected in the abutments by a tie, to a height of 95 metres, from which the tower proper would shoot up symmetrically in both axes. The tie above referred to, crossing the abutments of the bridge on the central pillar, would be suspended from the tower portal (main gate), as in the case of the runway of the bridge. Transversally to the direction of the river, the tower would rest by means of two buttresses on the main girders of the bridge. From the juncture of the four parts of the under-structure, the tower is designed to taper gradually towards a platform situated at 450 m. height, becoming somewhat more pointed as it approaches the platform, the head, as it were, of the structure. From this platform the point proper would rise on a base of 25 m. sq., reaching a height of 500 m. from the upper edge of the bridge runway. The walls up to the platform would be subdivided by a central rib, so that each panel would consist of two substantial frames of about 20 m. maximum height. Two elevators (lifts) of about 5x2½ m. ground area would lead to the platform, these elevators being reached from two staircases situated above the central bridge portal by a platform. Above this platform would rise a spacious framework structure, containing restaurant accommodation and the machinery for driving the elevators, and from it winding stairs would lead up the summit of the tower.

Life Insurance in Japan.

The remarkable progress of life insurance business in Japan is attested by the fact that during the nine months ending September last, the new policies issued by the eighteen existing companies amounted to 140,295,872 yen and the policies cancelled amounted to 48,829,738 yen, showing a net increase of 91,466,134 yen or an average of over ten million yen per month. This is ascribable, says the Nitoku, primarily to the increase of the insurance companies and their keen competition, but at the same time to the general diffusion of knowledge on the subject of life insurance.

POST OFFICE.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Japan, s.s. Kumano-maru, Shanghai, s.s. Kwangtang, Manila, s.s. Yuensang.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London Due Shanghai
Nov. 29 Dec. 24
Nov. 30 Dec. 16

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Anhui, 18th inst. English, Delta, 20th inst. American, Awa-maru, 22nd inst.

The parcels by the incoming English Mail Delta, due here on Friday next, will not be ready for delivery to the Public until 11 a.m. on Saturday the 21st inst. There will be no despatch of the French Mail to Europe via Suez to-day, as the s.s. Ernest Simon has been delayed and is not expected to arrive here from Shanghai before the 28th inst.

The Amazon with the French Mail leaves Saigon on Sunday the 15th instant at 5.30 a.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Wednesday the 18th instant at daylight.

The Anhui is expected to arrive here on Wednesday the 18th inst. with the London Mail (via Siberia) of Wednesday the 27th ult.

The Delta with the English Mail left Singapore on Saturday the 14th inst. at 6 p.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Friday the 20th inst. at 6 a.m. This packet brings the Parcel Mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 13th November and for despatch overland on the 20th November.

The Awa Maru is expected to arrive here on Sunday the 22nd inst. with the American Mail ex Nile.

MAILS CLOSE.

Fort, Bayard, Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per Sikiang, 18th Dec., 8 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Kaijo-maru, 18th Dec., 9 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Yatashing, 18th Dec., 11 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per Yawata Maru, 18th Dec., 11 a.m.

Swatow, Shanghai and North China—Per Kiukiang, 18th Dec., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Amazine, 18th Dec., 4 p.m.

Samarang—Per Childir, 19th Dec., 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chihhua, 19th Dec., 3 p.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per Upada, 19th Dec., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 19th Dec., 5 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Yatashing, 20th Dec., 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Thursday Islands—Per Kumano-maru, 20th Dec., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Delta, 20th Dec., 5 p.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 20th Dec., at 5 p.m.—Per Himalaya, 21st Dec., 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 21st Dec., 1 p.m.

Sandakan—Per Mausang, 21st Dec., 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Liangchow, 21st Dec., 5 p.m.

Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per Sungkiang, 22nd Dec., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Halyang, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Halyang, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Singan, 24th Dec., 9 a.m.

Straits, India via Calcutta—Per Namsang, 24th Dec., 1 p.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Naples—Per Lutzw, 24th Dec., 6 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Waishing, Br. s.s., 1,170, Holmwood, 15th Dec.—Chin-wangtao 9th Dec., Coal.—J. M. & Co.

Tungwah, Chi. s.s., 946, Froggatt, 15th Dec.—Tientsin 9th Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N. & Co.

Mexican Prince, Br. s.s., 1,953, Young, 15th Dec.—Baik Papan 8th Dec., Bulk oil.—A. P. Co.

Triumph, Ger. s.s., 869 Langschwager, 15th Dec.—Haiphong and Hoihow 14th Dec., Rice.—T & Co.

Pembrokehire, Br. s.s., 2,999 Barrett, 16th Dec.—London 29th Oct., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Yawata Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,566, Sekina, 16th Dec.—Manila 14th Dec., Copper, etc.—N. Y. K.

Hangsang, Br. s.s., 1,356, Wilde, 16th Dec.—Shanghai and Swatow 15th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Chowtai, Br. s.s., 1,116, Leher, 16th Dec.—Bangkok 4th Dec., Rice etc.—B. & S.

Loksang, Br. s.s., 948, Powker, 16th Dec.—Shanghai 12th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Chihli, Br. s.s., 1,143, McGarity, 16th Dec.—Wuhu 10th Dec., Rice.—B. & S.

Tango Maru, Jap. s.s., 4,627, Kawara, 16th Dec.—Shanghai 13th Dec., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Suisang, Br. s.s., 1,760, Payne, 16th Dec.—Java 5th Dec. Sugar.—J. M. & Co.

Kwangtah, Br. s.s., Ch. Stewart, 16th Dec.—Shanghai 13th Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Opland, Br. s.s., 749, Erickson, 16th Dec.—Fochow 14th Dec., Cass oil.—A. P. Co.

Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,158, Rolfe, 17th Dec.—Manila 14th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Yushun, Chi. s.s., 1,975, E. R. Pratt, 17th Dec.—Canton 16th Dec., Gen.—C. M. & Co.

Kumano Maru, Jap. s.s., 5,076, Wincker, 17th Dec.—Yokohama 7th Dec., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Vladimir, Rus. s.s., 3,197, Kamichamsky, 17th Dec.—Odessa and Singapore 9th Dec., Gen.—Lukmanoff.

Feiching, Pr. s.s., 960, Crawford, 17th Dec.—Chefoo 11th Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 16.

Wachow, for Singapore.

Kwongchowau for K. O. Wan.

Nnda, for Singapore.

Tiannan, for Yokohama.

Haiching, for Fochow.

Manchuria, for San Francisco.

Dec. 17.

Landrat Schieff, for Swatow.

Frithjof, for Bangkok.

Rubi, for Cebu.

Sabine Rickmers, for Swatow.

Tangomaru, for London.

Fausang, for Java.

Haidis, for Bangkok.

Taming, for Iloilo.

Kwangtang, for Canton.

Lovat, for Yokohama.

Kaijo-maru, for Fochow.

Kwongsang, for Shanghai.

Waishing, for Canton.

Feiching, for Canton.

Neishu-maru, for Kobe.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 17.

Chihli, for Canton.

Hangsang, for Canton.

Tungwah, for Canton.

Ersviken, for Canton.

Sabine Rickmers, for Canton.

Ungchow, for Canton.

Loksang, for Canton.

Chihhua, for Canton.

Liberia, for Hamburg.

Manchuria, for San Francisco.

Lovat, for Japan.

Waiching, for Swatow.

Mexican Prince, for Shanghai.

Toonap, for Shanghai.

Lienshang, for Shanghai.

Taming, for Philippine Islands.

Rubi, for Philippine Islands.

Machew, for Hoihow.

Tiannan, for Kobe.

Bongkong, for Haiphong.

Kwongsang, for Shanghai.

Frithjof, for Siam.

Haidis, for Siam.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Kwangtang, arrived 16th inst. from Shanghai.—Knowles, H.

TIDE TABLE.

Dec. 17th to 23rd Dec., 1912.

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Low Water Hong Kong Mean Time.

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